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A beloved highway

Signs unveiled officially naming Beloved Man Dr. Jerry Wolfe Highway

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

A sign was unveiled on the warm summer afternoon of Tuesday, July 27 designating a stretch of US 441 from Exit 74 to the intersection of N.C. 19 as the Beloved Man Dr. Jerry Wolfe Highway. The N.C. Board of Transportation approved the designation in December 2020 in a resolution that states, “Dr. Wolfe served as a true testament of a Cherokee leader and should be recognized”. The signage designating the highway is written in both Cherokee and English languages.

“When I think about where we are today as a people, it is



Members of the family unveil a sign for the Beloved Man Dr. Jerry Wolfe Highway during an event on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 27. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

imperative that we get back to the example that Jerry set for us,” Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said during Tuesday’s event.

He noted that Dr. Wolfe was the true embodiment of the seven Cherokee core values. “Every story that was shared here today

about Jerry embodies every one of those characteristics. He lived it.

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HIGHWAY: Stretch of N.C. Highway named
for Beloved Man, from front page

He shared it. He shared it in his stories.
He spoke it. He was an example to all of
us."

Chief Sneed added, "Everyone who
travels this road will see his name, and
they'll know that he was a man of honor.
He was a man of integrity. He was a man
of character, and he was loved by all. He
truly was a beloved man."

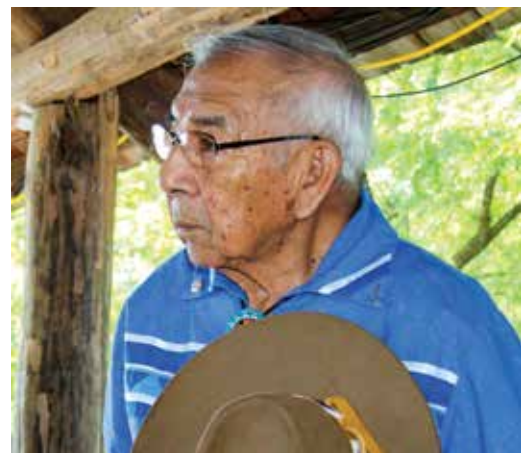
Dr. Wolfe passed away March 12,
2018 at the age of 93. In 2013, Dr. Wolfe
received the designation of Beloved Man
of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
Prior to him, the last recorded instance
of a Beloved Man was Little Turkey who
died in 1801.

Brandon Stephens, grandson of Dr.
Jerry Wolfe, told the crowd, "There's so
much that somebody could say about the
accomplishments and the love that's in
Jerry Wolfe. But, once again, that would
take a long, long time."

He spoke of Dr. Wolfe's many skills
including as a stone mason, Indian
Ballstick maker, storyteller, and having
a knowledge of Cherokee natural med-
icine. "Jerry Wolfe loved and admired
everyone in the community who promot-
ed the heritage. He said, 'I just love to
hear anyone speaking the language any
way they can. Never put anyone down
for speaking Cherokee. They'll eventual-
ly learn it.'"

Tribal Council Vice Chairman David
Wolfe has known Dr. Wolfe since child-
hood and noted on Tuesday, "He left us a
great example of what leadership should
be – sharing and caring."

During the Tribal Council session
on April 11, 2013 when Dr. Wolfe was
named a Beloved Man, Myrtle Driver,
EBCI Beloved Woman and fluent speak-
er, spoke of his importance to the lan-
guage and culture of the Tribe. "Often-
times, we may come across a word that
we don't remember or we need to know
something about our history or our cul-
ture, and we can always go to Jerry, and



EBCI Beloved Man Dr. Jerry Wolfe speaks at the
Tri-Council meeting at Red Clay State Park on Friday,
Aug. 28, 2015. He encouraged everyone to help save
the Cherokee language and said, "Our true identity is
our language. We must save our language and teach
the youth coming along."

he is always more than willing to help us.
And, I really do appreciate all that Jerry
Wolfe has given us."

Over the years, Dr. Wolfe received
many prestigious awards and served on
many boards including receiving the Pa-
triot Award from the Civilian Marksman-
ship Program in 2013 and being induct-
ed into The Order of the Long Leaf Pine
Society, one of the highest awards given
in the State of North Carolina, in 2017.
He received the North Carolina Folk
Heritage Award in 2003 for his work in
preserving stickball. Dr. Wolfe served in
the U.S. Navy in World War II and was
part of the famous Normandy Invasion
on Dec. 6, 1944.

Western Carolina University hon-
ored him in May 2017 with an honorary
doctorate of humane letters degree.

Dr. Wolfe was called on many times
to open meetings with a prayer or give
words of encouragement at events. At
the historic Tri-Council meeting in Au-
gust 2015 at Red Clay State Park in Red
Clay, Tenn., he gave an impassioned talk
about the importance of the Cherokee
language. "Our true identity is our lan-
guage. We must save our language and
teach the youth coming along. When a
child is learning to speak, never make
fun of them."

Long denied right to deposition of witnesses

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The pre-trial of Benjamin Cody Long continued Monday, July 26 to resolve an issue between the defense and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Office of the Attorney General.

The representation for Cody Long is Brent Smith and Robert Saunooke. Cody White and Shelli Buckner represent the prosecutors in this case, and Chris Siewers was present from the Office of the Attorney General. Chief Judge Monty Beck is hearing this case. The defense, through Saunooke, had signed off on two subpoenas to the witnesses used in the case against Long. Saunooke said that he wished for these to be ordered from Tribal Court to have a deposition interview with each of these witnesses prior to trial, which is currently set for Monday, Aug. 9.

What was previously misunderstood as a motion to quash from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) was a statement saying that the defense did not have a right to depose these individuals. Siewers said that the AG's office would be representing the individuals involved as Tribal employees.

Saunooke referenced to Chapter 15-7 of the Cherokee Code, which states "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians adopts all the protections afforded in Title 25, Chapter 15 of the United States Code, as amended." He argued that under the code, as well as the Tribe's adoption of all protections under the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 (ICRA), that the Tribal Court clearly had the authority to grant the right to the defense to

depose witnesses prior to trial. He stated that because the EBCI has not made specific clarification for right to deposition, that they Court should look to the Federal rules for proceedings and err of the side of the defendant.

Siewers began by clarifying that this was not a motion to quash, and if a motion was being offered it would be a 'motion to compel' from the defense to call upon the court to order these subpoenas. He said that for the sake of expediency, he would consider Saunooke's argument for these depositions a verbal motion. Siewers then proceeded to make his case against allowing the depositions.

He stated that Tribal Court has never offered the right to depose witnesses pre-trial and has not used federal rules for criminal proceedings. He also argued that even if the Court deemed this to be the case, the Federal rules for deposition state that there must be an 'exceptional circumstance' for doing so. Siewers said that simply being a defendant who potentially faces jail time is not an exceptional circumstance and then demonstrated several instances where such a ruling has been used. He said that the most common reason for granting a deposition pre-trial has to do with a fear that the witness will not make it to trial, whether that be for fleeing or health risks.

Judge Beck questioned Saunooke's assurance that the Court had the authority to issue these subpoenas, stating that nowhere in the Tribal Code does it directly state that authority. Saunooke argued that "silence is

not the omission of anything," and just because the Code does not directly grant the power, that does not mean that there inherently is no right to deposition.

Beck also said that the defense did not follow procedure when issuing these subpoenas, stating that they did not bring a motion to do so. Saunooke said that the defense researched the decision and was trying to follow all guidelines.

Saunooke said that by not allowing deposition, the Court would be limiting the rights of his client. He said that without a sworn testimony, there was no way to get valid information from the witnesses they would be seeing in trial. He said that they could lie or refuse to offer anything prior to trial, and that his client has a right to face his accusers.

After nearly an hour, Saunooke stated that the discussion was gaining little ground, and that he simply wished to hear a decision from Judge Beck, and they would deal with the rest in trial.

Judge Beck once again pointed to the fact that Tribal Council has not clearly stated that the Court has the authority to offer the right of deposition to the defense. He said that he would be treating this situation as a motion to compel from the defense, which he would be denying.

There is set to be one more hearing before the scheduled trial on Aug. 9. The parties will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 2 to discuss the exhibits of trial with Judge Beck.

Long was arraigned and detained in December 2019 following a cyberattack on the tribal network. This attack shut down

most tribal operations for several months, leading to a lengthy and postponement-heavy trial.

The week following the attack tribal prosecutors brought forth two felony charges against Long, as well as seven other charges in January 2020.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, those felony charges were dismissed including 19 CR 4505 Felony Tampering with Public Records (In violation of Section 14-70.12(a)(3)) and 19 CR 4606 Felony Obstructing Government Functions (In violation of Section 14-70.14 (a)(2)).

Good Housekeeping

Shrimp, Watermelon and Feta Salad

Get this fresh, protein-rich summer salad on the table in just 20 minutes.

- 4 tablespoons prepared lemon and chive dressing
- 1 pound large shelled and deveined shrimp
- 1 bag (5 to 6 ounces) mixed baby greens
- 3 cups (from about 1½ pounds with rind) diced (1½-inch chunks) seedless watermelon
- 2 ounces (1⅓ cup) crumbled feta cheese

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon dressing on medium for 1 minute. Add shrimp and cook 6 to 8 minutes or until shrimp are opaque throughout, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, in large bowl, toss mixed greens, diced watermelon and remaining 3 tablespoons dressing until evenly coated. To serve, divide salad among 4 serving plates and top with shrimp and crumbled feta.

• Each serving: About 280 calories, 14g total fat (3g saturated), 185mg cholesterol, 415mg sodium, 12g total carbs, 1g dietary fiber, 27g protein.

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COVID-19 cases increasing again in Cherokee

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

After several months of very low case counts of COVID-19 being reported by the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Joint Information Center (JIC), the Tribe is starting to see an uptick. JIC officials related that 33 new cases have been reported in the time frame from Wednesday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 28. A total of 12 new cases were reported the previous week.

Dr. Richard Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, said, “In general, a surge is any sustained increase in disease activity over time. We are using the monitoring tools established earlier in the pandemic and the color-coded risk levels to guide our response.”

The EBCI went back into the red level on Wednesday.

Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) noted, “I agree with Dr. Bunio, if we continue to see a consistent uptick in positive cases and we remain in red then we will recommend more rigid mitigation measures to help stop the transmission of the virus such as wearing masks and limiting or stopping gatherings. What we do know currently is that the majority of positive cases in our community are those that have not been vaccinated. We have had break through cases, positive cases in those that are fully vaccinated, but those individuals are mostly asymptomatic (no symptoms) or have very mild symptoms.”

One of the reasons behind the recent surge nationwide is the COVID Delta variant. In a joint

statement to the One Feather, Dr. Bunio, Secretary Bradley, and PHHS Epidemiologist Mark Tuttle said, “The Delta variant poses a serious risk to those who are unvaccinated. It is more contagious and appears to cause more serious disease. While the number of cases here on the Boundary is still fairly low, we are seeing an increase in infections in both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. The vaccines have been shown to provide good protection from serious illness with the Delta variant, so fully vaccinated people are at very low risk of hospitalization and death. If a vaccinated person is exposed to COVID they have a much lower chance of getting infected at all and, if infected, the illness is generally mild. Unvaccinated people are now at even higher risk of serious health problems with the Delta variant. Once this variant becomes more established it will spread mainly in unvaccinated people and could cause a surge in disease activity that would threaten a large number of people on the Boundary.”

They continued, “We are conducting ongoing surveillance and monitoring disease activity closely. We have a good stock of protective equipment and vaccine. Vaccinating as many people as possible is the best line of defense. If the Delta variant arrives in force then we would have to rely on the same mitigation controls that proved successful early in the pandemic such as mandatory masking. If our vaccination rates are high enough then this should not get to the levels we experienced earlier in the year.”

The three officials said no official cases of the Delta variant

have been found yet within the EBCI tribal system. However, this may be due to the testing difficulties. “There is no quick test to distinguish the Delta Variant from any other case of COVID-19. This requires mapping the genetic material of the virus which is only available in a few labs. We have the ability to send cases that are of concern to the state who then decide if they merit genomic sequencing. The State also tests select samples as part of a nationwide surveillance program. We are unaware of any tests that have specifically identified the Delta variant on the Boundary yet.”

While no COVID protocols such as mask mandates or limited capacities for businesses and/or events have been issued as of press time, Dr. Bunio did state, “We expect any decisions about mask mandates and closures to be guided by the data and evolving science around the transmissibility and severity of the new variants of concern. Currently, wearing a mask when in a crowded area should provide added protection for those still unvaccinated. We are seeing a few cases of COVID in those who are fully vaccinated but fortunately the vaccine has helped keep these people from becoming seriously ill. With that in mind even those fully vaccinated may decide to gain an extra layer of protection when in crowded spaces where they do not know the health or vaccination status of those around them.”

Secretary Bradley added, “We always base our recommendations on the science and look to the subject matter experts, such as the CDC, to determine our next course of action for implementing mitigation measures. What we do know

is that getting the vaccine is the most important step in reducing the risk of infection.”

She said it is important to talk about the vaccine in the community. “Right now, we have a significant amount of people that are not vaccinated in our community. We know that the majority of positive cases in this country are now the Delta variant. We know that this variant has the potential to cause more serious illness. We know that our community has a high disease burden of other chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. We also know that because of all of these things, we are at a much greater risk of being sicker if we contract COVID and have a much greater risk of dying. These are not scare tactics. They are simply truths based on scientific data. We know that if we take the vaccine, this greatly reduces the chance of getting the virus and even if we get it, our likelihood of serious illness, hospitalization, or death is greatly reduced.”

Secretary Bradley encourages people not vaccinated to speak with people they trust about the shot. “Talk to your primary care team, your pharmacist, a public health nurse, or other health professionals about your concerns. Also, talk to others that have gotten the vaccine and ask them why they chose to get vaccinated. More importantly, talk to someone that has had COVID or lost a loved one from COVID and ask them if they would get the vaccine. If you’ve already had the COVID infection, CDC guidance strongly recommends that you get vaccinated. It gives you longer lasting and better

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School Board debates how to increase drug awareness

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education spent a large portion of their Monday, July 26 meeting discussing possibilities for combatting the drug issues on the Qualla Boundary.

The Board welcomed to the meeting Josh Taylor from Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) and CCS Student Resource Officers (SROs) Luke Hyde and Jason Owl. The School Board insisted that they, the SROs, and Taylor be present at the same time to help with the brainstorming session.

Officer Hyde told the Board about their time working with the DARE program, and that he was concerned about the effectiveness of offering it more grade levels. They hold classes for the first,

fifth, and seventh grade. He said that while he felt the program offered a valuable resource to those kids; the longer they are in DARE classrooms, the longer they are off-duty as security. Hyde said that there was a limit to what the SROs could give given their current staffing.

School Board Chairperson Jennifer Thompson voiced her support for the SROs but said that she wanted to see significant change on the Boundary and in the school.

"The system, basically, is failing our kids. Because we're here, you guys [Cherokee Indian Police Department] are here, and the hospital's here and nobody's connecting the dots. I say that it's failing because of some personal experience with people that are close to me that would get in trouble with the law enforcement side. The school sys-

tem had no idea. Or if they were caught with the school system, they would send them to juvenile. They never got anything back from the school system side. So, we're really trying to work on that communication piece," said Thompson.

Another major problem that was demonstrated by the SROs was that there was no place for the CIPD to take a minor in the case of significant event. If they needed to transfer a child under 18 to other juvenile services, they would have to drive all the way to Wilmington to do so.

Officer Taylor offered his advice. He felt that staffing was another missing piece to the puzzle.

"We're sitting here making excuses when you could ask for me positions. Take SRO off the positions and put Juvenile on it. Leave the SROs up here to protect the school," said Taylor to the SROs.

"It's not fair for Luke and Jason to have to leave for Wilmington at 6:30 in the morning and take a little kid down there. We need some Juvenile officers to take some of that pressure off of you. You need some Juvenile officers out at one or two in the morning speaking to these little kids."

Wolftown Tribal Council Rep. Chelsea Saunooke said that she would stand with the SROs and the school, but so much of it pointed to a broader issue. She agreed that the biggest problem in the way of progress was communication.

"Yeah, we have resource after resource, but guess what? We don't have one place, one hub, one liaison, whatever you want to call it, that has all that information to say 'oh you need to go here or you need to go here.' For us to have all this funding and all the resources we have, we don't have some hub in place to connect the dots for our people right now," said Rep. Saunooke.

The Board said that they would

continue to be in communication with each of the people at this discussion and that they hope to implement some changes in the near future.

After the guests made their way out, the Board turned their attention to the consent agenda. Karen French-Browning questioned a couple of the resolutions that had to do with hiring of teacher's assistants. She wondered if there were any enrolled EBCI candidates for the positions and wished for more information on the hiring process.

A few minutes into this discussion, the Board moved into a closed session to discuss the consent agenda. This closed session lasted just over 10 minutes, and no report was offered from the discussion.

Following the reopening of the meeting, the Board moved to pass the consent agenda as well as three walk-in resolutions. Most of these were to do with hiring and personnel decisions at the school.

The Monday, July 26 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Regina Ledford Rosario and Gloria Griffin; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Asst. Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; Wolftown Tribal Council Representative Chelsea Saunooke; and School Board Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance. Board member Karen French-Browning was a few minutes late to the meeting.

The next meeting of the School Board will take place on Monday, Aug. 2 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are once again being held in the conference room in the CCS Administrative building. Board of Education meetings are considered public meetings and are open to public attendance except for executive sessions.



CIPD Arrest Report for July 18-25

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.

Blanton, Darius Dewayne – age 23
Arrested: July 19
Released: July 22
Charges: Failure to Obey Court Order

Climbingbear, Isaac – age 31
Arrested: July 19
Released: July 20
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 36
Arrested: July 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 30
Arrested: July 19
Released: July 20
Charges: Probation Violation

Wahnetah, Kyle Austin – age 30
Arrested: July 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Domestic Violence

Keever, Alexandria Nicole – age 22
Arrested: July 21
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Pheasant, James Leroy – age 37
Arrested: July 21
Released: July 21
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property

Wolfe, Daliyah Lanae – age 23
Arrested: July 21
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady, Cody Shay – age 42
Arrested: July 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: False Pretenses, Grand Larceny, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II (two counts)

Hornbuckle, Edna Renea – age 31
Arrested: July 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Rattler, Rajun River – age 19
Arrested: July 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault by Pointing a Gun; Possession of a Controlled Substance (five counts; Resisting Lawful Arrest; Providing or Possessing Contraband; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts); Simple Assault (two counts); Assault and Battery; Simple Affray; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor;

Wildcat Jr., Anderson – age 31
Arrested: July 22
Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Second Degree Trespass (two counts), Resisting Lawful Arrest, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Brown, Dustin Rose – age 40
Arrested: July 23
Released: July 23
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, John Cameron – age 38
Arrested: July 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Domestic Violence, Assault on a Female, Simple Assault

Johnson, Anthony Dean – age 43
Arrested: July 24
Released: July 24

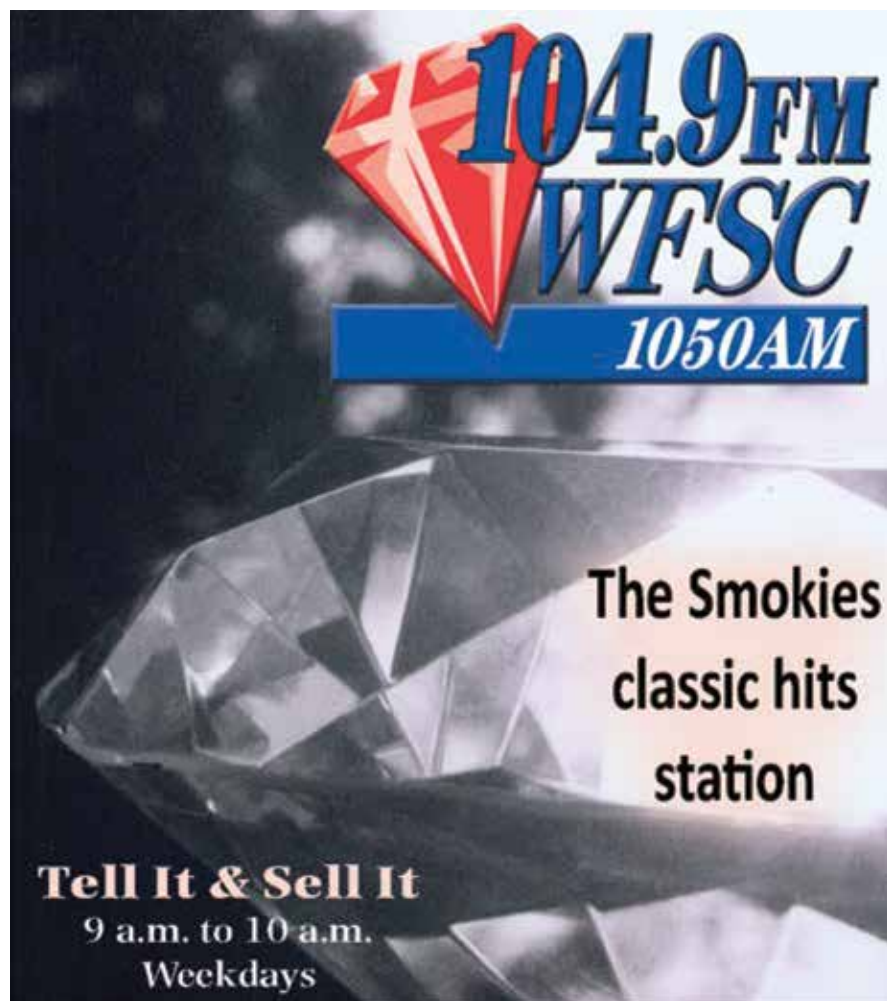
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Public Nuisance

Marmon, John – age 51
Arrested: July 24
Released: July 24
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Driving While License Revoked

Miller, Todd Robert – age 37
Arrested: July 24
Released: July 24
Charges: First Degree Trespass

Bigmeat, Natasha Regina – age 29
Arrested: July 25
Released: July 25
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady, James Ralph – age 54
Arrested: July 25
Released: Not released as of report date



Charges: Arson in the First Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Mischief to Property

Single vehicle collision on Foothills Parkway results in two fatalities

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers responded to a single-vehicle collision on the Foothills Parkway near the intersection with U.S. 321 at Wears Valley at approximately 7:04 p.m. on Sunday, July 25. A motorcycle carrying two occupants, Benjamin Braunsdorf, age 50, of Seymour, Tenn., and Wendy Fitzgibbon, age 46, of Knoxville, Tenn., lost control and collided with a road-side sign. Both were pronounced deceased on scene.

Park Rangers are investigating the incident and no additional details are available at this time. Park Rangers, Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Sevier County Medical Examiner and Sevier County EMS responded to the scene.

- National Park Service release

Graham County man sentenced for motor vehicle incident

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Christopher Drew Hill, 41, admitted in Superior Court to committing two crimes in Graham County: felony flee/elude arrest with motor vehicle and assault with a deadly weapon on a government official.

Hill's plea followed a two-day suppression hearing questioning a traffic stop.

Defense counsel challenged the integrity of Graham County Detective Matt Cox and the stop. Without a ruling on the defense motion to suppress, but after evidence was presented about the traffic stop, the defendant admitted his guilt.

Assistant District Attorney Caleb Decker said Hill's plea underscores Cox's professionalism and integrity.

"He has waived all grounds to contest the matter and acknowledges the validity of the traffic stop," Decker said.

Hill, 41, of Robbinsville, was observed Oct. 16, 2019, driving his pickup truck away from what deputies termed "a known drug area" in Graham County.

Hill's Chevrolet Silverado lacked tag lights. Graham County officers initiated a traffic stop on Rodney Orr Bypass. Hill drove away from the scene after a Cherokee Indian Police Department K9 alerted deputies to the possible presence of drugs in the vehicle.

The vehicle dragged an officer as Hill sped off. He suffered minor injuries. Meanwhile, other officers pursued Hill's vehicle. A high-speed pursuit ensued, ending when Hill wrecked a short distance outside of Robbinsville and was taken into custody.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bill Coward sentenced Hill to a total 21- to 44-month term, suspended, in the N.C. Department of Adult Corrections. He received an 18-month probationary sentence, plus 30 days active in jail.

- Release from the Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby

Graham County man sentenced for sexual assaults of a child

Following a two-week trial, a Graham County jury on Friday, July 23 returned a guilty verdict in 45 minutes against Casey Haney, 39, for repeated sexual assaults of a child, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said.

Haney was found guilty of statutory rape and two counts of

indecent liberties with a child. The abuse spanned a number of years: During that time, Haney has lived at various addresses in Graham, Swain, Jackson, and on the Qualla Boundary. His most recent listed address was in Robbinsville.

Haney had threatened to kill family members and the family dog if the child told anyone about the abuse.

On Feb. 16, 2018, the child did tell several fellow students about the abuse. Those students told their parents and a school counselor, who reported the information to law enforcement.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bill Coward sentenced Haney to serve a minimum prison term of 22 years and seven months up to a maximum term of 31 years and four months.

Coward issued a lifetime no-contact order for the victim and family. Haney must register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

Assistant district attorneys John Hindsman Jr. and Jeff Jones prosecuted the case. Graham County Sheriff's Office and SBI agents handled the investigation.

- Release from the District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch

Robert Lowery sentenced on various felonies

A man convicted eight years ago in Swain County of indecent liberties with a child failed to notify authorities he had moved from Cherokee County to Jackson County.

North Carolina requires convicted sex offenders to keep address changes current and to provide written notice within 10 days.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Robert De-

wayne Lowery, 27, pleaded guilty last week in Jackson County Superior Court to failure to register new address by a sex offender.

Additionally, he admitted to firearm by a felon, felony larceny and habitual felon.

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

In addition to felony indecent liberties with child, in May 3, 2017, Lowery was convicted of felony uttering a forged instrument. On May 29, 2018, he was convicted of felony sex offender on child premises.

The latest charges involve:

- On Sept. 14, 2019, Sylva police officers identified Lowery while conducting surveillance for drug activity. He carried a .22-caliber pistol loaded with three rounds of ammunition in his right front pocket. State law prohibits felons from having firearms.
- On June 28, 2020, Lowery helped steal a riding mower and push mower from a store in Sylva.
- On Feb. 4 of this year, Jackson County Sheriff's Office (which maintains the county's sex-offender registry) arrested Lowery for failing to register his new address in Cullowhee.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts last week sentenced Lowery to serve a prison term of at least 75 months and up to 102 months in the N.C. Department of Adult Corrections. Assistant District Attorney Chris Matheson prosecuted the case.

- Release from the Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch

Josh Taylor appointed as Chief of Police for Cherokee Indian Police Department

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed announced on Thursday, July 29 the appointment of Josh Taylor as the new Chief of Police for the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD).

Taylor has a strong background in both military and law enforcement. He has actively worked in tribal and state law enforcement since 2008 and his duties have included the positions such as patrol officer, Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent, Major of Police Operations, and the Chief Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent.

As Major of Police Operations Taylor oversaw the daily operations of over 50 employees of the CIPD. He has seen to the day-to-

day of the police department operations as well as helping establish Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Chief Sneed stated, "I am pleased to announce the appointment of Josh Taylor as the new Chief of Police for the Cherokee Indian Police Department. Josh is a combat veteran and a highly experienced law enforcement officer. He brings a strong leadership skill set along with a 'one team, one mission' mindset to the police department. I am confident that the future of the Cherokee Indian Police Department and our community are in good hands. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Gene Owl for his service as interim Chief of Police. Gene will now serve as the Captain of Investigations."

- Release from the Office of the Principal Chief

Paul Namotka Jr. sentenced

With admissions last week of stealing and breaking into motor vehicles, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said, a Sylva man also violated his probation for an earlier ransacking of an ambulance and Harris Regional Hospital EMS building.

Paul Namotka Jr., 29, stole a number of items in May 2019 from EMS, including computers and po-

tentially life-saving medications.

In connection with the latest crimes – two counts breaking and entering a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen motor vehicle – Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts sentenced Namotka to serve a minimum prison term of eight months and a maximum prison term of 19 months.

For the probation violation, the judge imposed an additional minimum prison term of 31 months to a maximum prison term of 76 months.

Total, Namotka faces 39 to 95 months in the N.C. Department of Adult Corrections.

A Sylva resident told officers on Oct. 27, 2020, that her 2000 Toyota Camry had been stolen from outside her home.

A few days later, an officer identified the stolen vehicle at a service station. While the officer was turning his patrol car around, the driver of the stolen car went onto Cope Creek Road and ditched the vehicle at an apartment complex.

Namotka was positively identified on service-station video through tattoos on his hands. Then, on Feb. 21 of this year, the owner of a landscaping company saw a man with a tattoo under his right eye break into a company pickup truck, stealing a chainsaw

and jacket.

An officer found and arrested Namotka about a half-mile from where the crimes occurred. He sported a tattoo under his right eye and was wearing clothes the tree-cutting-company owner had described.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Matheson prosecuted the case. Sylva Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation.

- Release from the Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch

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protection needed to conquer the variants."

She said the Tribe needs almost 3,500 more community members to receive the vaccination so "herd immunity" can be reached.

"At herd immunity level, we would feel much more confident about continuing to endorse activities and events that are perceived as "business as usual" in our own communities. We still encourage everyone, vaccinated and unvaccinated to do the things that work, such as wearing masks, social distancing, and practicing good hygiene when you are around others that are not fully vaccinated."



Nikwasi Initiative commends John Nelson and the entire EBCI Public Works Department for their extraordinary efforts on the old auto dealer building at Noquisiyi in preparation for the Trail of Tears Tour on September 21.
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Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

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



Constitution vs. Charter: Article VII (conclusion)

Know the difference!

Why is a public notice needed and why no later than 30 days?

A public notice is how to inform the people of an upcoming Grand Council. The notice should include a date, time, location, agenda, or, for those unable to attend physically, how to participate remotely. It would be especially helpful if the notice included how to find more details about the issues that will be presented at Grand Council and why Grand Council is needed.

The notice needs to be published in enough time prior to Grand Council to give everyone a chance to become familiar with the issue and plan to participate. If they need to arrange for time off and maybe make travel plans if they do not live in the area, they will have enough time to make the needed arrangements. And 30 days is a short amount of time if the issue needs to be addressed quickly.

Why is financing included?

Once the Community Club Council calls for a Grand Council expenses like sending out the notices to the tribal community will be incurred. The cost of the notices and delivery to all eligible citizens will not be cheap. Then there's the cost of supplies for the meeting, the meeting venue and other expenses that maybe needed to host a Grand Council. The Community Club Council will not have the funds it will take to hold Grand Council and depending on either the Legislative or Executive branch to have the extra funds needed is not realistic. By placing the requirement to budget for Grand Council in the General Fund line item, the money can be set aside and used as needed.

Why is the quorum at 30%?

The quorum (the required number of eligible citizens to be present) needs to be high enough that a significant portion of the tribe is represented, but not so high that it will never be attained. For example, if there are 8,000 eligible citizens then the number of people that would need to be present is 2,400. And if a majority of those voted for something that would mean at least 1,201 people. 2,400 people to show up at a Grand Council is a high number to achieve but they are supposed to represent the will of the People and the entirety of the tribal citizens.

What's the point of any resolution from Grand Council?

Grand Council does not hold any authority to pass or enact laws; that authority lies with the Legislative branch. If two separate bodies hold the same authority, then who's in charge? What Grand Council will do is act like a referendum where there can be debate and a resolution voted on by the People. It will then go before Tribal Council so that they may act upon it. Tribal Council has the right to pass, kill or table it like any other resolution, except unlike other resolutions this comes with the weight of many members of the tribe who felt strongly enough to participate and pass the resolution. It would be in the best interest of Tribal Council to seriously consider passage of resolutions submitted by Grand Council, as denying it could be detrimental to their future political standing.

Proposed Constitution

Article VII – Grand Council

Section 1. Call for Grand Council. The Cherokee Community Club Council Officers shall have the exclusive right to call a Grand Council of all eligible Tribal citizens. A public notice shall be published no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of Grand Council.

Section 2. Financing Grand Council. The Community Club Council will prepare an annual budget to be financed from the Tribal General Fund account and overseen by the Community Club Council Officers for the possible convening of Grand Council.

Section 3. Agenda. Any agenda item(s) for Grand Council must be submitted to the Cherokee Community Club Council Officers for prior approval thirty (30) days before a Grand Council is convened.

Section 4. Officers. The Cherokee Community Club Council Officers will determine the roles and responsibilities for the officers of the Grand Council and who will fill them.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of Grand Council shall consist of no less than thirty (30) percent of the eligible Tribal citizens.

Section 6. Results from Grand Council. Any resolutions decided upon in Grand Council shall be placed on the legislative agenda for the next meeting of Tribal Council for legislative consideration.



Nothing exists in either the Charter or Cherokee Code of Ordinances referring to Grand Council with the exception of Section 10 of the Charter.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION! VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR SIGN UP FOR ACCESS TO WEEKLY MEETINGS-CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com



**“Step into the person
you are, step into your
purpose.”**



Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is currently training for an Ironman triathlon event to be held in September in Chattanooga, Tenn. She is shown at the Kituwah Mound on the morning of Wednesday, July 28. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Living her life's purpose

**Cherokee triathlete
meeting goals through
positive thinking**

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
One Feather Staff

Triathlon is one of the most grueling sports, encompassing the three different disciplines of swimming, bicycling, and running, but one Cherokee athlete revels in the challenges faced and lessons learned along the way. Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians, is currently training for an Ironman triathlon event to be held in September in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Little Debbie Ironman Chattanooga will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26 and will involve a 2.4 mile swim in the Tennessee River, a 116 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run.

Although she has been training and participating in long-distance running for several years now, Katelynn is new to the sport of triathlon having done her first one in 2019 while on her honeymoon. “It was fun! I really like the transition of the sport. It’s not just

one sport where you’re having to do it constantly over and over. You get to do the three – the swim, the bike, and the run. I really do like the transition of it.”

Of the three disciplines, Katelynn says that swimming is currently her strongest feature, but she acknowledges that a lot of work is needed in that area. “I wouldn’t even say that my technique is that great. That’s one of the things that I wish we had in Cherokee is somebody to teach the kids and us how to swim, how to train, someone who’s been trained in it...even when I was a kid, I was the water dog of the

family. I was the one that was always in the river and didn't want to get out."

Katelynn's husband, Kallup McCoy II, is also a triathlete and, in addition, is currently training with his sights set on qualifying in the marathon event at the 2024 Summer Olympic games. "I will say, that is one area that I have the upper hand on Kallup," she chuckled. "I can beat him in the swim, but then after the swim I know a little bit later he's going to come catch me on the bike."

She said that cycling has been a challenge and she is currently working to improve her skills on gear selection, pace, hill management, and transitions between the swim and biking. "To get out of the swim and come directly to the bike is kind of tough. You've already exerted a lot of energy doing that and then you jump on the bike.

"There are a lot more variables that come with biking," Katelynn said. "Anything can happen on the bike. You could run over something and then you've got a flat tire."

Managing energy throughout a race is important, she says. "In a triathlon you have to think about keeping your pace and not getting ahead of yourself. Just because you finish one area, you've still got a whole other area you've got to work on, then you've got another one. Especially in the Ironman, it's such a larger endurance sport." Katelynn has been participating in area triathlon sprint events, shorter distance versions of the sport, to prepare for her upcoming Ironman race. "I did a sprint a couple of weekends ago and that really helped me to be in the setting and to know that this is what I'm going to have to prepare for. This is what it's going to feel like, but on



Katelynn shows good cycling form on the track around the Kituwah Mound on the morning of Wednesday, July 28.

a larger scale because there will be quite a few people there. And, even that can be a little intimidating."

A typical triathlon sprint event consists of a swim of 200 to 500 meters, a bike ride of 11 to 12 miles, and a 5K run.

When asked her advice to those wishing to enter the sport of triathlon, she commented, "I would say to definitely reach out to other people that have done it before to try to get some knowledge. The biggest thing I'd say is to just pick a race and put it on the calendar. Allow yourself enough time to train in those different individual sports. Also, don't forget about your strength training, too, because that's mobility and keeps you strong enough to put in the training. The Cherokee Fitness Complex is a great, great resource to use because they have all the equipment there for working out and they have the pool. Sometimes

I'll run around town, or they have treadmills there."

While she does still enjoy long-distance running in events such as marathons or ultra-marathons, triathlon is a great fit for Katelynn. "I just feel joy doing it." In both her athletic endeavors and her life, Katelynn, who works as a peer support specialist with the Analenisgi Recovery Center, exudes a positive attitude. She recently attended a conference aimed at improving her motivational speaking. "One of the speakers had said 'words create worlds' and it just really hit my spirit."

She has begun to whole-heartedly implement this into her training. "During training, I should be telling myself 'I am an Ironman' not 'I hope to be one' or 'I'm trying to be one'...I'm putting in the work, I'm putting in the effort, I'm out here doing what it takes to be able to succeed so speak it into

existence – speak life over it. I realized that I am going to do that not just with training, but with any aspect of my life."

She added, "Step into the person you are, step into your purpose. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't my purpose to be who I am. I just think it's a lot more encouraging."

In speaking of her own path into recovery from addiction, she noted, "I want to inspire people. I want to lift them up. When people look at me, I want them to think 'I know if I go around her I'm going to feel the positivity coming from her' and just have a good energy. That way, they can start believing in themselves too and think 'I'm not just trying out here in life, I'm doing it'."

"I want to be the person that I needed to see when I was in my active addiction."

Cherokee student participates in REU Program at UT

By **GALEN FADER**

Special to the One Feather

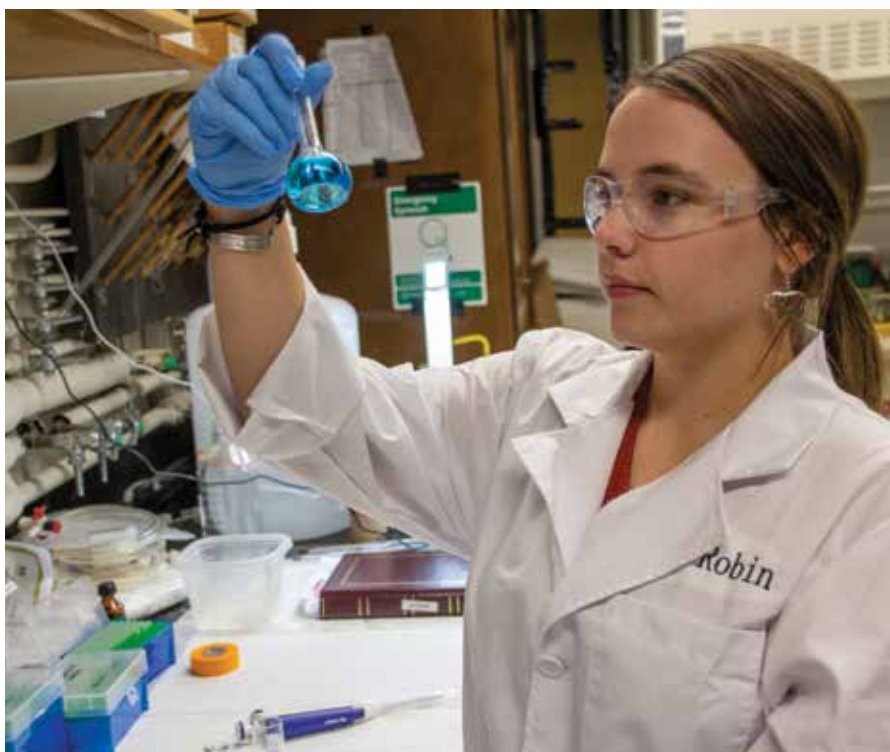
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Many college students use their time off school to relax or de-stress, but one aspiring chemist spent her summer working with cutting-edge technology instead.

Robin Reed, a graduate of Cherokee High School and now a rising senior studying chemistry at Lincoln Memorial University, is one of only 10 outstanding chemistry students from across the country who spent this summer doing research as a part of the highly selective Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The program, funded by the National Science Foundation, is a highly competitive 10-week research opportunity in which the participants are paired with a UT faculty mentor and have the opportunity to gain hands-on research experience in a chemistry laboratory.

Throughout the summer, Reed conducted full-time research focused on chemical reactions and lab work and also worked to develop the professional writing and oral communication skills she needs in order to share her research with members of the chemistry community and the general public.

Under the guidance of faculty



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mentor Dr. Bhavya Sharma and her team, Reed learned what it was like to work in an advanced chemistry laboratory, an approach that allowed her to gain skills and confidence that will support her future scientific career.

In Dr. Sharma's lab, Reed used nanoparticles and advanced laser imaging techniques to track a molecule called glutathione, which is a naturally produced antioxidant, a class of chemicals that are very important in protecting the body against cell damage.

By studying glutathione, Reed hopes to detect changes in its structure that would signal the presence of carcinogens (cancer-causing chemicals). She is especially interested in detecting chromium-6, a potent carcinogen and common byproduct of industrial processes.

A first descendant of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Reed is protective of her community and her heritage. While she's happy to talk with a curious stranger, she is also sensitive to

stereotyping and dismissal of Cherokee culture. Even so, she always tries her best to be patient. "You can't blame people for not knowing when these things aren't taught," she says.

Reed stays busy most of the time, but likes to relax and enjoy her hobbies when she can. A self-described avid crafter, she likes to make all kinds of things but especially enjoys making traditional beaded jewelry.

She is no stranger to a chemistry lab. Her experience with research in chemistry began back at LMU, where she worked to detect trace amounts of chromium-6 in beverages like tea. For Reed, the process of doing research is both a personal achievement and a meaningful way in which she can give back to her community. "I've finally got the chance to explore my capabilities," she says.

Moving forward, Reed wants to attend the UT chemistry program as a graduate student and continue her current projects. She is also excited by the idea of studying the brain and how chemical signals and concentrations influence our behavior, and plans to pursue this interest as her career progresses.

Fader is a science writer with the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.



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Cherokee's American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) welcomed Toni Reale, Division 3 president of North Carolina's ALA, for their first formal swearing-in of officers with a Division President on the evening of Monday, July 13. The following are the officers for Unit 143: Patsy Ledford, president; Carol Long, vice president; Ann Galloway, secretary; Sharon French, treasurer; Mary Wachacha, historian; Geraldine Thompson and Frances Walkingstick, chaplains; Teresa Meyers and Kathy Hurt, sergeants at arms. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)



Patsy Ledford, right, Cherokee's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 president, speaks to the group shortly after being installed in that office as Toni Reale, Division 3 president of North Carolina's ALA, listens in.

Lavita Hill for School Board



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I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful community and Tribe. We have so much to look forward to and it all starts with preparing our children for the future. I am ready to put my education, experience, and leadership skills to work for Cherokee Central Schools!

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I would love to discuss the future of Cherokee Central Schools with you. Please contact me at (828) 736-3126 or Lavitahill2021@gmail.com.

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- ✓ Cherokee High School Graduate (1997)
- ✓ Western Carolina University, B.A. in Business Administration (2002)

LEADER

- ✓ Right Path Leadership Graduate
- ✓ Former Big Cove Community Club Secretary
- ✓ EBCI Minors Trust Fund Administrator

SERVICE

- ✓ Vice Chairwoman, TERO Commission Council appointee
- ✓ Parent Advisory Committee Member, Cherokee Central Schools
- ✓ Patient & Family Advisory Council Representative, Cherokee Indian Hospital
- ✓ EBCI Investment Committee Liaison

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MISSING PERSON

Amelia Williams

Female Age: 40 years

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 2"-5' 3"

Weight: 180-190 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: July 7, 2021

Location: Philadelphia, Mississippi (Neshoba County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: Amelia Williams was last seen walking down the road on Gum Street in Philadelphia, MS. She has a moon-shaped scar on her back.

If you have seen Amelia Williams, please contact the Philadelphia Police Department. (601) 656-2131.

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Roberta Denise Owle

Roberta Denise Owle, 52, of the Yellow Hill Community, went home to be with the Lord and her dad, Joseph Owle, on Monday, July 26, 2021. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Martha Sherrill of Cherokee and the late Joseph Owle.

She is survived by five children, Ana Santoyo, Jessica Santoyo, Jose` (Chelis) Santoyo and wife Whitney, Anissa Santoyo, and Marcus Owle all of Cherokee; five grandchildren, Elliot Brown, Jaiva Brown, Axl Caley, Sage Caley, and

Luca Caley; siblings, Starla Bilyeu (Kevin) of Oklahoma, Joe Owle (Sandy), Ronda Owle (Eddie Bird), Mark Littlejohn (Artith Parton) all of Cherokee; nieces that she loved as daughters, Stephanie Wiggins (Dwayne), Clarissa Wilnoty, and Josie Owle; nephews, Joey Owle (Kelsey), Silas Littlejohn, Ietan Littlejohn; and many great nieces and nephews.

Denise was a member of Yellow Hill Baptist Church and loved her Church family dearly.

Funeral Services were held Friday at Yellow Hill Baptist Church. Pastors Forman Bradley and Donnie Crump will officiate with burial

in Owle Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chelis, Marcus, Mark, Silas, Ietan, Josiah, Isaiah, and Dwayne. Honorary Pallbearers were, Eddie, Keanan, and Joe.

Phyliss Louise Ramsey Queen

Phyliss Louise Ramsey Queen, 85, of Cherokee, passed away at her home on Sunday, July 25, 2021. She was born on May 19, 1936 in Jackson County and was the daughter of the late Milburn and Elizabeth Ramsey. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Verna Bradley and Sally Hooper; a daughter, Wilma Jean;

and by her husband, Jacob Queen. She is survived by her six children, Mack (Mary) Bradley, Linda K. Bradley, Bill Bradley, Gerri Bradley, Sharon Smith, and Freeman A. (Teresa) Bradley; 10 grandchildren, Charlene (Tom) Armatige, Mitchell Frizzell, Crystal Bradley, Freeman (John) Bradley, Amanda (Valentine) Bradley, Brandon Bradley, Tonya (Mike) Walk, A.J.Owle, Phyllip Pannell, and Cody Pannell; along with 16 great grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A Celebration of her Life was held Saturday, July 31 at her home in Whittier.



A brilliant sunset shines over the mountains in Sylva on Sunday, Aug. 1. (JONAH LOSSIAH/Cherokee One Feather photo)

Swain County and Cherokee High Graduates awarded Undergraduate Scholarships and Research Support at UNC Asheville

UNC Asheville 2021 graduate Corbin Wildcatt has been awarded a Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership (SIGP) grant, providing \$1,500 in summer research support. This grant follows four years of scholarship support from an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's partnership with UNC Asheville.

As a graphic artist, videographer, and streamer, Wildcatt is working on a documentary and researching options for graduate school. Funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the SIGP supports American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students pursuing graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The grant strives to increase the number of Indigenous Americans earning master's and doctoral degrees in STEM disciplines.

A graduate of Swain County High school from Cherokee (Birdtown), Wildcatt earned a degree in new media with a minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies at UNC Asheville. While a student at UNC Asheville, his cost of attendance was covered by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through an institutional credit agreement with the University.

Through this agreement, established in 2015, UNC Asheville will reserve up to 10 admissions slots for new, incoming, academically qualified EBCI members each semester. The EBCI will cover the students' cost of attendance and UNC Asheville will grant in-state residence status to all students receiving full EBCI scholarships.

"That also motivated me to fin-

ish so I could attain my education and also get paid while I was doing it," said Wildcatt, who cites his faculty connections as additional motivation. "I would like to say that the professors at UNCA were some of my favorite teachers in my whole life. To get the experience of being surrounded by intelligent people who are willing to have conversations about important subjects is something that helps you learn a lot about the world. ... Some of the amazing staff that I would like to thank are Trey Adcock, director of American Indian & Indigenous Studies, and [New Media Professor] Lei Han. They both helped me grow as a student and as a person!"

UNC Asheville is the first undergraduate institution in the nation to be part of the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership (SIGP). The four-year sub-award announced in 2020 stems from the Sloan Foundation's \$4.5 million dollar grant to Purdue University. It provides undergraduate research stipends, off-campus research experiences, attendance at National American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) meetings, and graduate school visits. It also invites Cherokee High School students to enroll in Intro to Computers and Multimedia, taught by UNC Asheville SIGP co-lead Susan Reiser. The course offers college credits, as well as course materials and machine time at UNC Asheville's STEAM Studio.

That initial connection encourages students to pursue their undergraduate studies at UNC Asheville. This fall, UNC Asheville will welcome incoming student Caden Pheasant, a Cherokee High School graduate from Cherokee. Pheasant, who wants to focus on business and entrepreneurship, is one

of five McRae Scholars in the UNC Asheville Class of 2025. He earned the University Merit Award, a comprehensive scholarship offered to first-time applicants, by demonstrating academic excellence, a passion for an academic program offered at UNC Asheville, extracurricular engagement and exemplary community leadership.

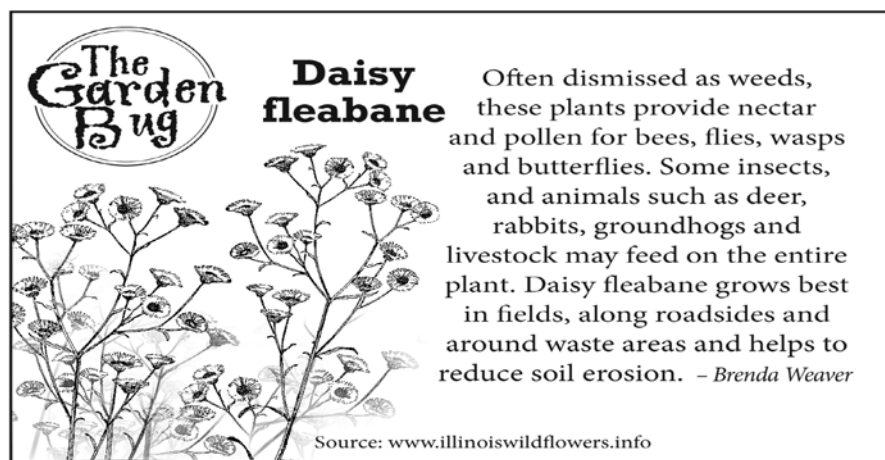
Pheasant plans to major in management as part of the UNC Asheville Honors Program. His experience and previous accolades include co-leader of the Tree and Language Cultural Project, vice president of the Cherokee HOSA Chapter, and active membership in the National Honor Society as well as the CHS World Changers. He earned a certificate in business administration from Southwestern Community College and graduated with highest honors.

As a McRae Scholar at UNC Asheville, Pheasant will receive \$50,000 over four years. Each McRae Scholar receives \$10,000 in scholarship support yearly with an additional \$10,000 to support study abroad, undergraduate research, and internships, all of which are hallmarks of the historically strong liberal arts and sciences education received at UNC Asheville. The Selby and Richard McRae Foundation fund the McRae Scholarships.

The McRae Scholars, as well as University Scholars and Provost Scholarships, are available to both in-state and out-of-state students and recognize undergraduate scholars with exceptional academic accomplishments, demonstrated leadership, and potential to be a pace-setter in their academic life and future beyond college. Nominations are accepted annually. Students seeking to transfer to UNC Asheville may also qualify for merit-based scholarships. To apply, go to unca.edu/apply.

Sloan Foundation funding complements a series of UNC Asheville partnerships aimed to support indigenous students, including memorandums of understanding with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and with the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET). The University's American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program aids the study and preservation of the Cherokee language and mobilizes undergraduate students to study, preserve and present knowledge of the history of the Cherokee people. To learn more, visit <https://ist.unca.edu/learn/american-indian-and-indigenous-studies/>. For more information about UNC Asheville's SIGP Program, visit <https://sigp.wp.unca.edu/>.

- UNC Asheville release



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EBCI General Election information

Voter registration is currently open. EBCI tribal members who will be 18 years of age on the date of or prior to any election may register to vote before the voter logs close.

July 1: Absentee ballot request period began

Aug. 2-6: Early voting begins at EBCI Board of Elections Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 9-13: Early voting, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 16: Absentee ballot by mail ends; ballots postmarked on or before this date will be accepted
Aug. 16-20: Early voting, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 21: Early voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 23: Last day of early voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 27: Absentee voting in-person ends at 4:30 p.m.; Voter Registration closes for General Election at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 2: General Election, polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community grants available from EBC Community Foundation

The board of advisors of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofits serving needs in the local community.

Funds are available for nonprofit organizations serving tribal members in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham and Haywood

counties. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$1000.

Visit nccommunityfoundation.org for information about applying. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Aug. 10 at noon.

Grants are not available for regranteeing purposes, capital campaigns, capital improvements, out-of-state travel or for individuals. Funds are awarded by the board of advisors of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation, an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our nonprofits to expand their impact in our local community," said Carla Jamison, board president. "We are excited to partner with our nonprofit community to continue to support organizations in Qualla Boundary."

For further information,

contact Tyran Hill, NCCF program officer, at thill@nccommunityfoundation.org or (828) 772-1886 or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

- *Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation*

Mountain Heritage Day returns, heritage award nominees sought

CULLOWHEE – With the popular Mountain Heritage Day community festival returning to campus at Western Carolina University on Saturday, Sept. 25, nominations are being sought for Mountain Heritage Awards to honor an individual and an organization for contributions to Southern Appalachian history, culture and folklore.

Recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of regional and campus representatives. The

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awards, through two categories, recognize an individual and an institution or organization for distinguished service, accomplishments, influence or expertise in maintaining the cultural viability of the region.

Mountain Heritage Day is an annual event with live music, dance, food, arts and crafts vendors, with free admission, parking and shuttle service. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 festival was a virtual event.

The Mountain Heritage Award was first presented in 1976 to John Parris, a newspaperman and author. Parris, who died in 1999, was widely regarded for his long running "Roaming the Mountains" columns in the Asheville Citizen Times. He helped establish WCU's journalism studies program and championed the establishment of

a center to preserve the traditions and cultures of the Western North Carolina mountains, which led to the founding of WCU's Mountain Heritage Center.

Previous organizational honorees include Qualla Arts & Crafts, Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church and Cashiers Historical Society. Individual award winners include corn shuck artist Annie Lee Bryson, Cherokee storyteller Lloyd Arneach, and visual artist and community historian Ann Miller Woodford.

Nominations should be five pages or less, with a list of the nominee's accomplishments, awards and recognition; information about the nominee's influence in the relevant field of expertise, such as crafts, music or organizational cause; or information about the nominee's role as a teach-

er, advocate, leader or curator of mountain culture. Include a website address if applicable; the mailing address of the nominee; the founding date for organizational nominees.

Nominations should be delivered no later than Friday, July 30, to the Mountain Heritage Center offices, located in Room 240 of WCU's Hunter Library; mailed to Mountain Heritage Center, 176 Central Dr., Cullowhee, N.C. 28723; or emailed to pameister@wcu.edu.

- *Western Carolina University release*

National Park Service invites public input on Laurel Falls Trail Management

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan. The plan will address visitor experience and safety, parking, and trail infrastructure rehabilitation for the most visited trail in the park.

Initial public commenting on the Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan is open from July 9 through Aug. 7 and includes opportunities to submit written comments and participate in a public meeting, held virtually. The information obtained during this civic engagement period will be used to identify and refine the elements and alternatives under consideration.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity to learn from our visitors about how we can address the preservation and viability of Laurel Falls Trail," said Superintendent Cassius Cash.

A virtual public meeting to discuss the Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan and answer any questions about the process

will take place on Thursday, July 22 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (ET). During the first 30 minutes of the meeting, the NPS will present an overview of the proposal with the remainder of the meeting reserved for a question and answer session. 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 (312) 626-6799 and entering passcode 83225451780#.

The NPS will also accept written comments online or by postal mail for consideration on the plan's initial draft. Comments may be submitted:

Online (the preferred method) Visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/LaurelFalls> Select "Open for Comment" on the left menu bar, open the Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan folder and click on the green "Comment Now" button to access the online commenting form; or By Postal Mail

Send comments to: Superintendent Cassius Cash Attn: Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan Great Smoky Mountains National Park 107 Park Headquarters Rd. Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Written comments on the initial draft of the Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan must be submitted online or be postmarked by Aug. 7 to be considered.

For more information about the proposed Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan, including public meeting details, virtual long-instructions and more, visit the planning website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/LaurelFalls>.

- *National Park Service release*



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Tim Hill Memorial Trout Tournament results

A total of 378 people participated in the Tim Hill Memorial Trout Tournament in Cherokee on July 24-25. In all, 53 anglers turned in a total of 72 tags with the top winning tags going to Phillip Wepking (\$500), of Nolensville, Tenn.; Lawrence Queen (\$500), Cherokee; and Greg Smith (\$100), Clearmont, Ga. The tournament was sponsored by the EBCI Natural Resources Division and officials stated, "Congratulations to our winners! A huge thank you to the EBCI Tribal Revenue Office, Tribal Hatchery Staff, Natural Resources Enforcement officers, our many fish permit vendors and our anglers for making our annual tournaments such a success."

- EBCI Natural Resources Division

Park announces temporary partial closure of trail

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials will implement a temporary closure of a portion of Bradley Fork Trail from the intersection of the Cabin Flats Trail to the intersection with Hughes Ridge Trail for a needed trail rehabilitation project. This rehabilitation will address erosion concerns, reduce trail rutting and restore the trail tread to a surface that will provide for a safer and more enjoyable experience for hikers and equestrians.

The 3.3-mile trail section will be closed to all use Monday through Thursday from Monday, Aug. 16 through Thursday, Oct. 28 excluding federal holidays. The trail will be open to hikers each week on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The trail will be closed to all equestrian use daily from Aug. 16, 2021 through March 1, 2022, including weekends, to allow for

soil disturbed during the project to harden sufficiently.

Heavy machinery is required to complete this project. The temporary trail closure is necessary to provide for the safety of all trail users including hikers, horses, and workers.

The remainder of the Bradley Fork Trail and all nearby trails and backcountry campsites will remain open for the duration of the project and can be accessed from routes that do not include the closed section of trail. For backcountry trip planning assistance or more information about trail closures, please visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/grsm or call the Backcountry Information Office at (865) 436-1297.

- National Park Service release

American Youth Cooperative for Esports partners with UltraStar Multi-tainment

The American Youth Cooperative for Esports (AYCE) and UltraStar Multi-tainment Esports Zone have announced a partnership to establish esports events and tournaments for persons of all ages.

Through this partnership, AYCE will bring unique tournaments with chances to win exclusive prizes (including esports scholarships) for participants. The goal is to grow nationwide family interest in esports, which both parties believe have a prominent future. In the past, the esports cooperative worked with tourism board Visit Myrtle Beach to launch an esports recruitment initiative in South Carolina and Daytona Soccer Fest to turn Daytona into an esports event.

"This partnership serves as a step to further promote the digital literacy of competitive esports" said Bill Dever, chairman of AYCE.

"The Esports Zone is already an incredible place that introduces esports to customers, but we plan to help amplify its participants, community interest, and unique services using our global platform and expertise".

"A partnership with the AYCE is the natural progression of the venue," said Adam Saks, president of UltraStar Multi-tainment. "The Esports Zone was envisioned as a place to engage in healthy play and competition making it the premiere destination for organized esports activities."

The Esports Zone is located in the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. More information about upcoming esports activities at UltraStar's Esports Zone will be available at <https://ultrastarus.com/cherokee/esports-zone>.

- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos release

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa lights up the sky with new 65-foot Gibson Les Paul monument

TULSA, Okla. – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa is home to Route 66's newest attraction, a 65-foot Gibson Les Paul, which made its official debut on the Mother Road landscape Tuesday evening.

The newest Hard Rock icon, a tribute to the original Gibson Les Paul Standard 50's in Heritage Cherry Sunburst, welcomes guests just outside the Grand Lobby. Weighing in at 19,500 pounds, the monument sits 65 feet tall in the sky, following the Golden Driller at 75 feet tall and POPS' Soda Bottle at 66 feet tall. The Les Paul is equipped with custom, programmable LED lights and will feature nightly sight and sound shows synced to music.

"It's the perfect time to unveil our Gibson Les Paul and usher in a

new era for Hard Rock," said Martin Madewell, general manager for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa. "This guitar represents the music that connects us all. It's a tribute to the hard work of our staff over the years to build an entertainment destination and a Route 66 stop that Oklahoma can be proud of."

Designed by Stephen Shortell, of Yesco Las Vegas, the guitar was shipped to Oklahoma in four parts and made its arrival to Tulsa in late June before a weeklong installation. Its arrival coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Hard Rock brand launch in London.

"We're extremely pleased to have Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa contribute to the iconic imagery of the Mother Road with its new Gibson Les Paul," said Ken Busby, executive director of the Route 66 Alliance. "The guitar embodies the soundtrack that makes Route 66 so noteworthy, and we couldn't be happier to have this new addition in our community. It's a fantastic photo op for Route 66 travelers."

The Gibson Les Paul sits inside the new Guitar Pick Plaza as the centerpiece of the newest update to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa property. Exterior renovations are set to be completed in late 2021.

This development follows the 2019 casino expansion that added 65,000 square feet of gaming and entertainment space that includes Track 5., Hard Rock's country dance hall; a poker room; and a multipurpose center.

Located off Interstate 44 at exit 240, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa is the flagship property of Cherokee Nation Entertainment.

Info:

www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com.

- Cherokee Nation Entertainment



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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COMMENTARY

Perry Shell exhibits leadership excellence

By LEW HARDING

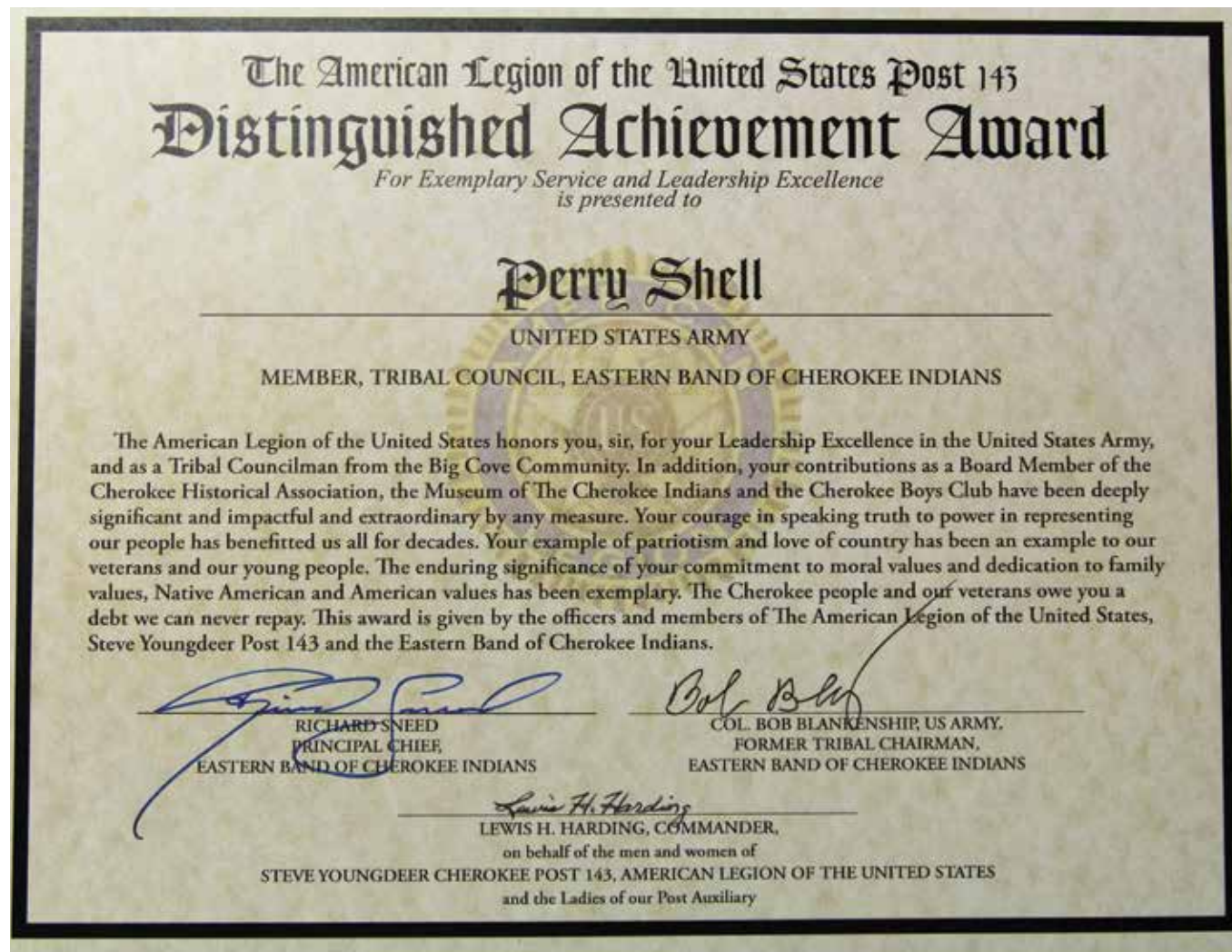
Many of us live our entire lives without the privilege of serving with a great leader. I am not one of those.

In my 42 years back in my hometown of Cherokee, I have been blessed to know, watch, serve with, and be mentored by extraordinary leaders that demonstrated the essence of selfless service and leadership excellence. To me, retiring Councilman Perry Shell has been one of our community's most impactful leaders.

Perry is a veteran of the United States Army. Our American Legion Post in Cherokee is very proud of and grateful for his work on the Tribal Council, at the Cherokee Historical Association, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Cherokee Boys Club, and so much more. He helped lift us all up.

Others of his contemporaries fall into the "Leadership Excellence" category - former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, the Blankenship brothers - Bob and Kenny, combat veterans who helped heal the wounds of war by serving us. Navy veteran Jerry Wolfe ascended to iconic status through hard work, sacrifice, kindness, and love. He is a legend among us. Additionally, honorary tribal member Ray Kinsland qualifies. He was a giant of humility, love, and service to mankind. We learned so much serving with these amazing brothers.

Our people have a matriarchal lineage, a distinct cultural overlay



that sets us apart. To honor that, consider these women of power with astonishing gifts of intellect, whose service to the tribe of extraordinary dedication has shown leadership excellence: Principal Chief Joyce Dugan, Beloved Woman Dr. Carmelita Monteith, Darlene Whitetree, Brenda Oocumma, Norma Holt Moss, and the late Beloved Woman Col. Kina Swayney. And, there have been so many more.

Over the years other great leaders in the BIA, Tribal Council,

in the Chief's office, and in our American Legion Post, have blessed us with their insight, work ethic, dedication, and leadership.

The opportunity to serve my people in the community of my birth for four decades has been part of my healing. Perry Shell and his beloved wife Phyllis have shared in that. And for that, I am grateful.

Be with us in Council or on television, Thursday, Aug. 5, as we recognize and honor the service and leadership excellence of

Councilman Perry Shell with an American Legion Distinguished Achievement Award. You will be glad that you did.

Thank you, Perry, for all that you have done and that you are. Godspeed and blessings from all your brothers and sisters. The Fallen, and those that remain and are here to honor you.

We love you. Sgi.

Harding is the commander of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



AUGUST 2-8, 2021



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Hatchery Supported	Morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rock Bass and Smallmouth Bass.	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Stone Flies, Wooly Buggers, Prince Nymphs.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Follow posted regulations. Wild Trout.	Morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Stone Flies, Inchworms, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Hare's Ear Nymphs.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow Posted Regulations - Wild Trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Parachute Adams, Stone Flies, Inchworms, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Hare's Ear Nymphs.

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, AUG. 2 AVERAGE+	TUESDAY, AUG. 3 AVERAGE	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4 AVERAGE	THURSDAY, AUG. 5 GOOD	FRIDAY, AUG. 6 BETTER++ N/A	SATURDAY, AUG. 7 BETTER N/A	SUNDAY, AUG. 8 SEASON'S BEST
7:48 AM-9:48 AM 8:11 PM-10:11 PM	8:35 AM-10:35 AM 9:00 PM-11:00 PM	9:25 AM-11:25 AM 9:50 PM-11:50 PM	10:16 AM-12:16 PM 10:42 PM-12:42 AM	11:09 AM-1:09 PM	12:01 PM-2:01 PM	12:27 AM-2:27 AM 12:53 PM-2:53 PM

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2021 REFERENDUM AND GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

REFERENDUM AND GENERAL ELECTION - REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 7TH, CLOSES JULY 30TH AT 4:00PM

Thursday, July 1, 2021	Absentee Ballot Request Period Begins
Friday, July 30, 2021	Voter Registration Closes at 4:00pm for the Referendum and General Elections
August 2-6	Early Voting Begins, 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday
August 9-13	Early Voting Begins, 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday
Monday, August 16, 2021	Absentee Ballot by Mail ends for the General Election, Ballots posmarked on or before this date will be accepted
Wednesday, August 18, 2021	Absentee Ballot by Mail ends for the Referendum Election, Ballots posmarked on or before this date will be accepted
August 16-20	Early Voting Begins, 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday
Saturday, August 21, 2021	Early Voting Begins, 9:00am-4:00pm, Saturday
Monday, August 23, 2021	Early Voting ends, 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday
Friday, August 27, 2021	Absentee Voting In-Person Ends at 4:00pm
SEPTEMBER 2- GENERAL ELECTION, POLLS OPEN 6:00AM-6:00PM	
Friday, September 3, 2021	Verify, Record Outcomes
Thursday, September 16, 2021	Runoff Election if Applicable
Thursday, September 30, 2021	Certify Winners for 2021 Tribal Council and School Board Seats
Voter Registration/Community Changes Must be completed by July 30th for the Referendum and General Elections by 4:00pm. Enrolled members who will be 18 years of age on the date of or prior to Any Election may register to vote before the voter logs close.	
NOTE: POLLING LOCATIONS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19. We are in contact with Public Health and Human Services, Emergency Management and Tribal Officials to work on a coordinated alternative plan should traditional voting not be recommended.	

Do you have questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 in general?

Tsalagi Public Health is available for you!

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to schedule a visit
for your questions!**

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and speak with you about
any questions or concerns
you may have.*

*Curious about anything
related to getting a
COVID-19 vaccine?
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YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHEROKEE.

The Tribal Alcohol Referendum voting is taking place now, and ends Sept. 2.

Make sure your voice is heard regarding expanded alcohol sales on the Qualla Boundary. You can vote in person or by absentee ballot. Just vote by September 2, or on General Election Day. Visit VoteCherokee.com to explore the issue, the referendum, and all the ways you can participate.



VoteCherokee.com

Rez Dog & Cat ~~Life~~ Death

We can talk about it all we want. How terrible it is that animals are being put down. How awful it is that pets are dumped to fend for themselves. How heartbreaking it is for us to see starving and maimed animals roaming our Boundary. How horrifying it is to see the remains of a former family pet on the side of the road. Talking might soothe our conscience for a while; maybe until the next tragic picture enters our line of sight. Talk alone will not save one pet. Only when we put actions behind those words will we save lives.

HAVE A HEART SO THAT OTHER HEARTS DON'T STOP BEATING.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Our relationship with God

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

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-7; John 14:26

The Church “in having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” The Church is being built with what each person who is a part of it, does each day. The Church never should be considered as only a building. The Church is the group of believers who are all each a part of the fellowship—family.

According to John 14:26, we are to “be in school” every day, learning to walk with the Holy Spirit, clearly and fully each day. As we walk with Him in our spirit (man or woman), it’s so we can be supercharged in our lives. We are to ask Him “to remind us what The Holy Spirit has said to us about ourselves, to teach us what is needful for each day. It may be we each can say, “In my brokenness, heal me, mend me, since each person can stand before Him walking with Him, in His Presence. The Pastor is a valuable resource who can help us with our understanding of ourselves and Holy Spirit for the same Holy Spirit dwells within him as well.

In Romans 8:11-14, we can read what Paul actually writes about the Holy Spirit. We no longer have to live following only our fleshly mindset, or blindly following others’ perceptions. This is simply because our own spirit now has the power from Him to make the right choices by following the Holy Spirit’s directions and not our own. As God, He helps us in placing our confidence in Him, so we can make a better choice more easily.

Totally forgiven of all sin, even possible future sin, we are not to consider “how we used to do things” as remaining helpful. He begins by telling us, “You are better than that...” understanding we no longer have to sin. Jesus has already paid our Blood Price, by His having taken our place on that cross, for us. We should be so grateful to be led by the Perfect Holy Spirit! All who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God!

We are a new species, a son who is now

Spirit-led. We are never to be lonely or think that we have been left on our own. He has moved inside us and will remain with us forever! He has raised the dead, “me,” within this mortal body to a new life.

We each are now a part of “the spotless, without blemish, Bride of Christ, as the Church.

Read Romans 8:26-27.

Lord, You have the power to change me. Hallelujah! There will be no more falling into that same hole. Set me free according to the will of God, with the power of God. Open these, my blinded eyes!

God has not forsaken the Cherokee people. The Glory of God now moves in Cherokee.

In Romans 8:5-7, we learn of the carnal mindset which allows us to think our emotions can rule over us, when we must actually learn to harness them, control them, for if we allow them to rule over us, our response could lead us where we never want to go again.

“Holiness can help us take control of our thoughts and emotions giving us the spiritual-mindset which brings new life and peace.

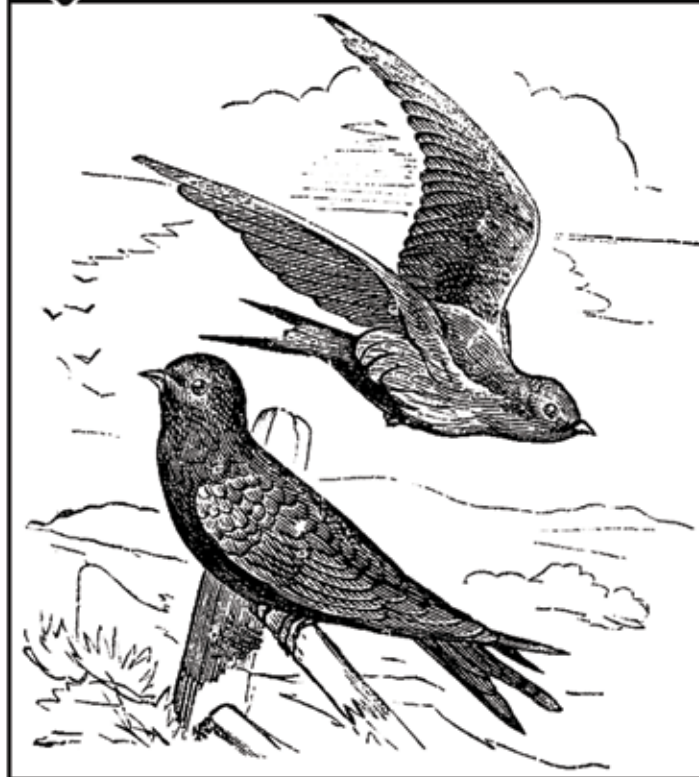
Our God controls the wind and the waves. Think like God. What has God said about our life’s direction? Believe it, for it convicts me of my righteousness, but never condemns me. What God has said about my life, I know I’m not perfect, but He is still working on me,” added Pastor Melton. “God, You have blessed me! You can change my life in a minute. I am a product of the Living God. The Holy Spirit walks with me!”

Reading in Zechariah 4:6, the Lord tells Zerubbabel. “It is not by might, nor by power, but it is by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts,”

Crying, “Grace, Grace” to your mountain can also remove your “mountain”. For it is not by the Church, but by His Holy Spirit! He is the power, He is the measuring stick to be measured up to now. We need and must be reminded to change the way we think. Saith the Lord of Hosts, “Run your own race, march down that hallway.” He is the Power. Call to Him in accountability, ask Him to pray for you and your circumstance! Rely more on the Spirit and your new position in covenant with the Lord.



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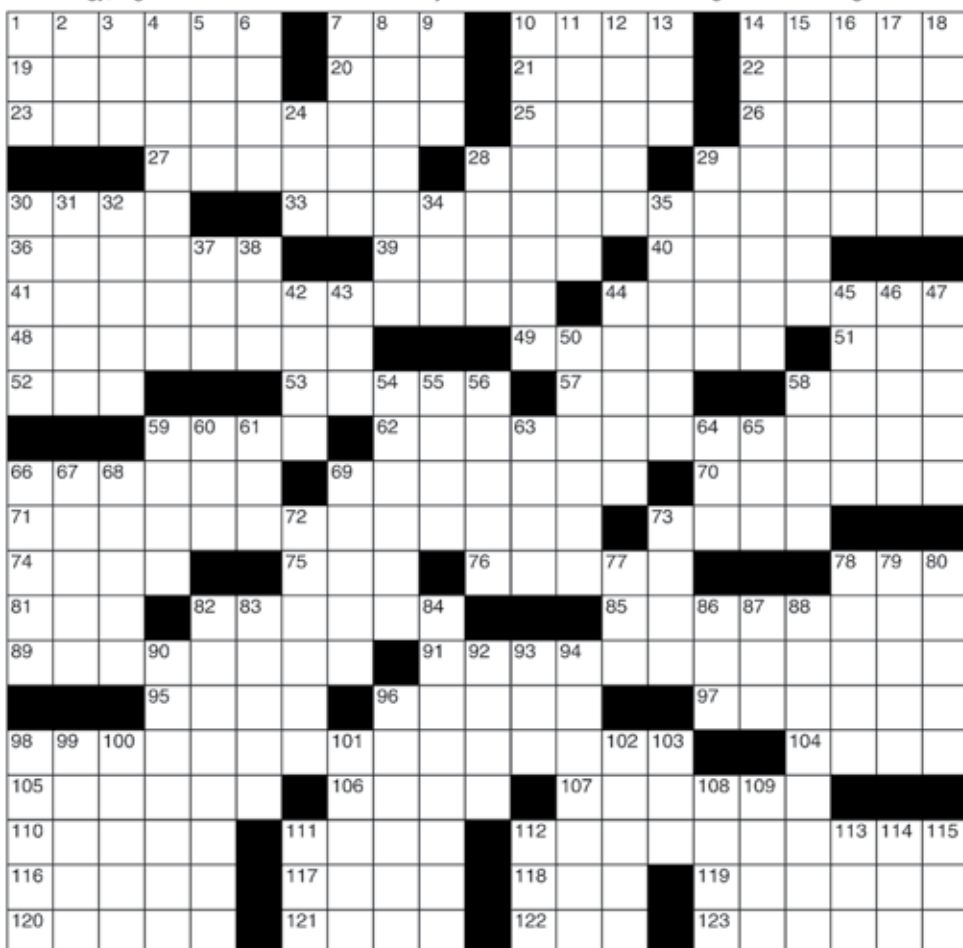


*Do not revile the king
even in your thoughts,
or curse the rich
in your bedroom,
because a bird in the sky
may carry your words,
and a bird on the wing
may report what you say.*

🌿 ECCLESIASTES 10:20 🌿

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- 1 Hindu monks
7 Gorilla or gibbon
10 Baby doll call
14 Ignominy
19 Wound antiseptic
20 Nothing
21 Chilled
22 Tabloid VIP
23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans
25 Figure skater's jump
26 Drizzles, e.g.
27 Beethoven specialty
28 Much-shared GIF, maybe
29 Murmur continuously
30 Bodega, e.g.
33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.
36 Spiny-crested lizard
39 Place atop
40 Not busy
41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved
44 Biology and ecology, e.g.
- 48 It may be loose-leaf
49 Clan carvings
51 "— found it!"
52 Pub. houses hire them
53 One of the Judds
57 Cannes' Palme —
58 Actress Lena
59 Iris' place in the eye
62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs
66 Cherishes
69 Taverns
70 Lord's home
71 1 Peter and 1 Timothy, in the Bible
73 Armory stuff
74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi
75 Seville cheer
76 Masterful
78 Fan noise
81 In time past
82 Dry gully
85 Road part for cyclists
89 "Huzzah!"
91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle
- 95 Salinger's "love and squalor" girl
96 Philosopher with a logical "razor"
97 Surrendered
98 It may result in landfills
104 Get a look at
105 ET and such
106 Dried out
107 Sea demigod
110 Future pupa
111 Pre-'91 world power
112 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has
116 Prepare to pray, say
117 Go higher
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119 Conductor of impulses
120 Composer Camille
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9 Overhead rails
10 Highway distance marker
11 Keen insight
12 Rhythm
13 Lumber tool
14 High ethical standards
15 Encourage
16 Court excuse
17 — Park (Edison's lab site)
18 Jed Clampett player Buddy
24 Singer Benatar
28 Parcel (out)
29 Make obscure
30 Pooh creator
31 Put up — fight
32 Undergoes oxidation
34 TV's Turner
35 Orator of old Rome
- 37 Neighbor of Colo.
38 GI address
42 Scottish isle
43 Pop music of Jamaica
44 Quits
45 Eyelashes, anatomically
46 Give the boot
47 Awareness
50 Danish port
54 Irish playwright Sean
55 Ale grain
56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote
58 Filmmaker Preminger
59 Stellar bear
60 Dog healer
61 Ending for journal
63 Three- — sloth
64 NASA moon lander
65 Ending for journal
66 Insurer with a duck mascot
67 San — Bay
68 Stellar hunter
69 Grain storers
72 Redcap, e.g.
73 On the job
77 "POV" airtir
78 Fogs
- 79 Open, as some jackets
80 John Irving's "A Prayer for Owen —"
82 Armories
83 Freeway exit inclines
84 Came to pass
86 Tavern cask
87 Green gp.
88 Adds pep to
90 Take revenge
92 "Behold!" to Brutus
93 Brutus' lang.
94 Sent forth
96 Ukraine city
98 Goes on foot
99 "George & —" (1990s talk show)
100 "Yes, —!" ("For sure!")
101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films
102 Creme-filled cookies
103 Puppy bite
108 Funny Fey
109 Wallet singles
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113 Fury
114 Comedian Rickles
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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 Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam
 3. With what kind of leaves did Adam and Eve attempt to cover their nakedness? Sycamore, Fig, Palm, Grape
 4. From Judges 7, with how many men did Gideon defeat the Midianites? 3, 30, 300, 3000
 5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary
 6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz
- Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which European city would you find the Spanish Steps?
2. TELEVISION: What were the names of the parents on the animated TV show "The Jetsons"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "This is my favorite book in all the world, though I have never read it"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Nevada?
5. HISTORY: What was the pen name used to publish The Federalist Papers in 1787-88?
6. ADVERTISING: What product is advertised in commercials that feature The Most Interesting Man in the World?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the often-quoted line, "Round up the usual suspects"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fish produces caviar?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What were the names of the sock puppets used by ventriloquist Shari Lewis?
10. SCIENCE: How many elements are on the Periodic Table?

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BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Aug. 30 at 5 p.m.; sponsored by Dean Hill family. Good fun, good prizes, great benefits.

Cherokee senior citizens fundraiser. Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. until Noon at the Tsali Manor dining room. Breakfast will be \$10 and will include bacon, sausage, biscuit, grits, gravy, eggs, and a drink. There will also be a bake sale. Monies raised will go toward the elders' annual trip.

CHURCH EVENTS

CULTURAL EVENTS

Cherokee Heritage Festival. Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit adjacent to the old Jail Museum in Hayesville. This free event is sponsored by the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association. Cherokee dancing, cultural arts demonstrations, storytelling, fry bread, singing, and flute music. Parking and shuttle bus will be available. Info: 369-6531 or www.cccra-nc.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at United Community Bank in Bryson City. Agenda items include planning for the Labor Day event and precinct reports. All Democrats are welcome to attend. Info: Justin 736-4693

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee precinct meeting. Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include deciding on 2022 and 2024 priorities. All are welcome to join and share concerns and ideas. For more information or to request a Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

Splish Splash Shopping Bash. Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lunch by Melitia. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Info: Denise Walkinstick 508-2211

Big Y/Wolftown Meet the Candidates. Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Big Y Gym. This question-and-answer session will also be Livestreamed on Facebook.

Cherokee Business Training. Aug. 17-19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex conference room. Cost: \$65, lunch will be provided. Train-

ing will include creating a mission statement, laying out business goals, and building a business plan. There is limited seating – reserve your seat online at: <https://bit.ly/Cherokee-BusinessTraining-Aug2021> Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708

Elder's Bingo in honor of Cherokee Elder's Day. Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. This event is sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council. Lunch will catered by Granny's Kitchen. Must be 59 1/2 years or older – EBCI elders, their spouses, and caregivers only. Info: Celia Smith 359-7008

Mountain Makers Craft Market. Sept. 5 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Haywood Square in downtown

Waynesville. This is a free, monthly Indie-art fair designed to cultivate community in western North Carolina. 20+ artisans selling handmade and vintage goods. Info: www.mountainmakersmarket.com

Fireside Sobriety Circle. Sept. 9-12 at the Yogi in the Smokies Campground in Cherokee. NA/AA/AL-Anon speakers, talking circles, meetings, sobriety pow wow, and a sobriety countdown. Pre-registration until Aug. 31 is \$45/person (kids 10 and under are free, ages 11-17 are \$20). Price includes tent and campsite for three nights. Price at the gate is \$50. Info: Herb W. 506-8563, email firesidecircle@gmail.com

Book Reading and Signing with Brad Wagon, Cherokee

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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LOST	EPISODES	SCIENCES	
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FIRST	PISTLES	AMMO	
LEIA	OLE	ADEPT	HUM
AGO	ARROYO	BIKELANE	
CONGRATS	CELESTE	PIZZA	
ESME	OCCAM	GAVEIN	
WASTE	PRODUCTION	ESPY	
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LARVA	USSR	STEPINSIDE	
KNEEL	RISE	REO	NEURON
SAENS	LEAD	IDS	ASPENS

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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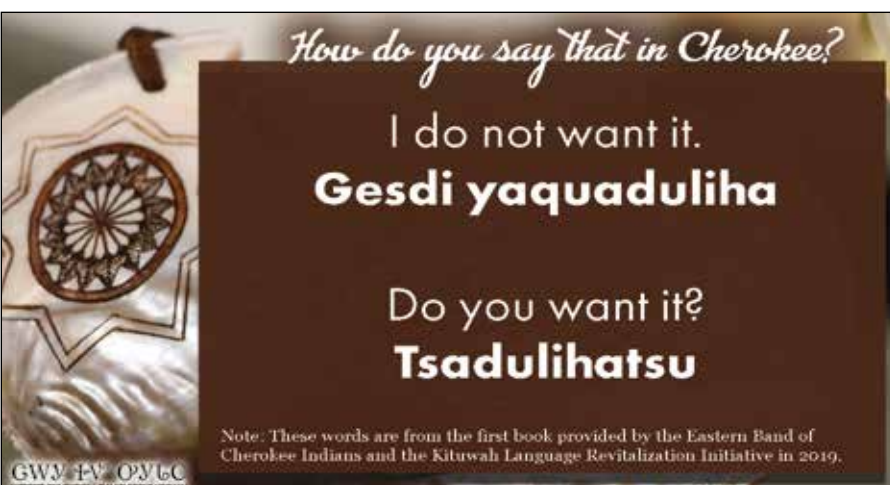


ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Gideon; 3) Fig; 4) 300; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz



- Answers**
1. Rome, Italy
 2. George and Jane Jetson
 3. "The Princess Bride"
 4. Carson City
 5. Publius
 6. Dos Equis beer
 7. "Casablanca"
 8. Surgeon
 9. Lamb Chop, Charlie Horse, Hush Puppy and Wing Ding
 10. 118

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Nation author. Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Dawn Arneach at dawn.arneach@mci.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community Church.

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

Analenisgi class schedule

Mondays

MAT
- Early Recovery Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Early Recovery Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Early Recovery Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Peer Support
- WRAP Live, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Grief Group Live, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays

MAT
- Foundations Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Foundations Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Substance Abuse Therapy (SAT)
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays

MAT
- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Peer Support
- Healthy Boundaries Live, 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

MAT
- Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Peer Support
- MAT Peer Support Group, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Substance Abuse Therapy
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Fridays
MAT
- MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Peer Support
- Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Substance Abuse Therapy
- SAT Group Virtual, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Analenisgi Circle of Support

Groups. Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., group focused on Substance Abuse. Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., group focused on Mental Health. Both groups will be located in the Rivercane room located across from the Analenisgi lobby and front desk. Analenisgi is offering groups for friends and family of adult clients. These groups are focused on providing education and support to our community. Info: Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext. 7528

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

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

VA Grants to Help Homeless Veterans

More than 260 non-profit community programs across the country received portions of \$418 million in grants for the Support Services for Veteran Families program. Last year alone the Department of Veterans Affairs served 77,590 veterans and their 19,919 children in the program.

The SSVF program runs in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia and Guam. Its main focus is homelessness and getting veterans and their families into permanent housing. The SSVF partners with community programs with all manner of help: case management, VA benefits, health care, child care, daily living services, legal assistance, transportation, financial planning, counseling and much more. In some cases, there are time-limited payments to landlords, utilities and moving companies if that helps a veteran and family to stay in or get to permanent housing.

To learn more about the SSVF program, go online to www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf. There's a list of SSVF providers by state for programs all across the country, plus contact information and phone numbers. You also can call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AIDVET (1-877-424-3838).

The best website is www.va.gov/homeless, where you can click on Community Resource and Referral Centers (CRRCs). That page also has a chat link. If you're in crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Additionally, you can call your closest VA medical center. If you have no other options (no phone, no internet, are homeless or are at imminent risk for it), just go. Just show up at the medical center. If you are not yet homeless, contact them in advance, due to COVID restrictions.

One thing to keep in mind: These grants given to community programs are not bottomless buckets. Funding can and does run out, and there isn't more until the next disbursement. If you need help, apply now. Make your calls, get put on lists.

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Are Dog Treats Bad for Fido's Health?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I use dog treats to train my 18-month-old puppy, "Jif." At the dog park, an owner said that using treats is bad and that Jif will eventually get fat. That's hard to believe, as he is really energetic. He only responds when he knows there is a treat after each command. What do you say? — Lee in Alexandria, Virginia

DEAR LEE: Ah, to treat or not to treat! That's a big issue for many pet owners. Ultimately, you are in charge of Jif's training and health. Unsolicited advice from other dog owners is only a little helpful, at best.

I've interviewed and observed champion breeders and trainers, and one thing I've noted over the years is that some dogs get a treat at every turn, for seemingly every move they make. Other dogs do fine with a treat at the end of their routine. And backstage, when show dogs are being groomed, primped and prepped? They're getting treat after treat. These are champion dogs in top shape.

Things to note with using treats:

- Treats help build a positive association with specific commands or actions.
- The pros use treats that are as healthy as possible: no byproducts, no preservatives. They're often homemade.
- Treats are cut into very small pieces. They can be given more frequently without adding too many calories.
- Dog treats don't replace meals.

Make sure your puppy is fed on time each day with the recommended amount of food for his age and weight.

It's possible to replace some of Jif's treats with other positive associations. Praise, attention, a favorite toy — things that bring him joy. Build that anticipation of reward in different ways. Check out a few training books, or work with a dog trainer on new ways to reward Jif.

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

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FOR SALE

Dewalt electric tool with several attachments (call for more specifics)

\$100 : 342-3475

12' aluminum Jon boat with trolling motor and trailer \$1500 : 508-9727

12' aluminum gamefisher Jon boat with trolling motor and trailer

\$1800: 226-9374

2006 Ford Escape \$2,200, Male Pigmy Goat \$75 : 269-8010

55 Gallon Drums \$15each, Chest of Drawers \$40, Buckeye Wood Heater

\$150 : 421-0946

Horse Hay \$5 Bale : 488-3735

Jewelry, Trailer on 2 Acres of Land in Whitter For Rent : 352-942-7066



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You still might have to deal with some lingering confusion that marked a recent workplace situation. But for the most part, you should now be well on your way to your next project.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that too-good-to-be-true offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.

YOU BORN THIS WEEK: You are generous and also sympathetic to people who find they need the help of other people.

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: 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. Student Success Advocate (Special Education)	13. Food Service Worker
2. Elementary Teacher Assistant	14. Maintenance Worker 1
3. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Coordinator	15. Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
4. Elementary Academic Interventionist	16. Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
5. Child Nutrition Assistant	17. Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach
6. Math/Reading Interventionist	18. Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach
7. Science Teacher (High School)	19. CMS Baseball Head Coach
8. Licensed Professional Counselor	20. Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach
9. School Counselor	21. Varsity Football Assistant Coach
10. Pre-K Teacher	22. JV Football Assistant Coach
11. Special Education Teacher	23. Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach
12. Custodial Manager	



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 8:00 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 readvertise positions without notice.

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

Open Until Filled
Agelink Childcare
FT – Teacher's Aide (2)
FT – Lead Teacher (2)
FT – Custodian

Snowbird Childcare
FT – Teacher's Assistant (2)
FT – Lead Teacher
FT Cook

Children's Home
PT Resident Counselors

Bus & Truck
PT School Bus Drivers

Administrative
Finance Director (CPA Required)



Tribal Employment Rights Office Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:45am-4:30pm

The TERO Office is pleased to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We moved to the Aquoni Building at 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC.

Per Chief Sneed's modified work schedule, we are teleworking and are not at the office. If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below. If you need a Job Bank application, please email Hillary or Douglas.

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator, (828) 359-6422, hillnorv@nc-chokeee.com

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator, (828) 359-6478, dougmcdo@nc-chokeee.com

Local Job Openings for July 2021:

Alan's Jewelry & Pawn: always accepting applications. You can apply at Alan's Jewelry & Pawn. The phone number is (828) 554-0431.

Brio Italian Grille: assistant server, virtual ghost kitchen cook, dishwasher, server, cook, host, prep cook, and bartender. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://www.brioitalian.com/careers/> and click "apply now."

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc.: accepting applications for heavy construction employees, including laborers, heavy equipment operators, and CDL truck drivers. Applications are available at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. Pre-employment drug testing, background check, and reliable transportation required. For more information, please call (828) 497-5617.

Cherokee Grand Hotel: housekeeping, houseman, and laundry. Applications are available at Cherokee Grand Hotel and the phone number is (828) 497-0050.

Cherokee Lodge: housekeeping and front desk receptionist. The phone number is (828) 497-2226. Chestnut Tree Inn: room attendants. Applications are available at Chestnut Tree Inn and the phone number is (828) 497-9181.

C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.: openings available. You can pick up applications at C.I.C. between 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. The phone number is (828) 497-3315.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Please view the site at <https://ebci.com/jobs/> for information.

El Cajelito Mexican Restaurant: openings available contact Daniela at 828-507-2163.

El Camino Motel: front desk and housekeeping. Applications are available at the El Camino Motel and the phone number is (828) 497-3600.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott: housekeeping. Applications are available at Fairfield Inn & Suites and the phone number is (828) 497-0400.

Firehouse Subs: openings available. You can apply through email at CherokeeFirehouse@gmail.com.

Granny's Kitchen: host, dishwasher, and bus person. Applications are available at Granny's Kitchen. The phone number is (828) 497-5010.

Great Smokies Inn: room attendant, front desk, and laundry associate. Applications are available at Great Smokies Inn, and the phone number is (828) 497-2020.

Long House Funeral Home Inc: openings available for part-time/on call work. For more information, please call is (828) 497-1408.

Mini Donut Place: openings available. You can apply on Facebook or the Indeed website. The phone number is (828) 795-1001.

Native Brews Tap & Grill: openings available. Applications are available at Native Brews Tap & Grill and the number is (828) 497-2739.

Oxford's Hardware & General: part-time sales associate. Fifteen to twenty hours a week, Saturdays are required. There will be a background check. Need to be able to lift heavy loads. You can apply on Indeed and the phone number is (828) 497-4488.

Qualla Security, Inc.: full-time and part-time for second shift, third shift, and weekend shift. Training and uniforms provided. Requires considerable physical activity. Must be 21, able to pass a drug test, a criminal history check, and have dependable transportation. Previous experience preferred, not required. For information on how to apply, please call 497-4568.

Ruth's Chris Steak House: prep cook (urgently hiring), busser, broiler (urgently hiring), restaurant manager, host/hostess – seater, food runner, executive chef, steward (urgently hiring), side cook (urgently hiring), server, pantry cook (urgently hiring), and bartender. For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://www.ruthschris.com/> and click "careers," located at the bottom of the website.

The Service Companies: currently hiring for all positions at Harrah's Cherokee Casino's new hotel. The openings include housekeeper, dishwasher, and public area cleaner. If you are interested, please send a text message to (855) 644-7363 and one of the Service Companies' recruiters will contact you.

Wells & West: construction worker, construction laborer, and property maintenance assistant. These positions are in Murphy. Applications are available at the Wells & West office in Murphy. TERO also has copies of this application. It is an applicant's responsibility to submit applications and/or resumes to Wells & West, either by in-person in Murphy or by email to jbateman@wellsandwest.com.

Wize Guyz Grille: openings available. You can apply through either the "Wize Guyz Grille" Facebook page or contact Thomas or Mikayla at (828) 788-3073. Wize Guyz Grille's phone number is (828) 497-2838.

Job Openings Available at the Jacob Cornsilk Project in Snowbird:

Hewitt Power LLC: general laborers and electricians (five years of electrical experience, preferably commercial experience).

If you are (1) an enrolled member of the EBCI, (2) spouse of EBCI enrolled member or parent of minor EBCI enrolled member, (3) or an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe, and you are interested in job opportunities at the Jacob Cornsilk Project in Snowbird, please contact TERO Job Bank Coordinator Hillary Norville at 828-359-6422.



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Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

EMPLOYMENT

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**WHITING-TURNER/OWLE
CONSTRUCTION**

SEEKING NATIVE STONE

MASONS FOR HARRAH'S

**CHEROKEE RESORT EXPAN-
SION PROJECT.**

Pre-qualifications for Stone

Masons are:

- Stone Masons should be an en-rolled member of the EBCI
- Possess a valid Tribal ID
- Port Folio of work performed/completed

ALSO SEEKING LABOR-ERS FOR THE MASONS with no pre-qualifications!

Please stop by our office at Whiting-Turner 39 Casino Drive Cherokee NC 28719 for applications or call WT/Owle Admin. Cindi Standingdeer @ (828)736-8700 for an appointment for job interview. **8/4**

WCU's Department of Social Work, in collaboration with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is hiring 2 PT Legacy Advocates (BSW minimum) to assist with grant-related activities in advance care planning.
<https://jobs.wcu.edu/postings/16490>. **8/4**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-057

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Steve Luther

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

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

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION

Mianna Luther

2250 Wolfetown Road

Cherokee, NC 28719

8/18

**EASTERN BAND OF THE
CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**IN RE: NASH, a minor
juvenile**

FILE NO. CVJ – 21-027

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

ADJUDICATION OF A TER-
MINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS PROCEEDING FOL-
LOWED BY A DISPOSITION
CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF
THE JUVENILE WITH ENTRY
OF AN ORDER DESIGNED TO
MEET THOSE NEEDS AND THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE

Filed April 13, 2021, in the Cherokee Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Qualla Boundary, Cherokee, North Carolina

TO: MICHAEL NASH

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than 45 days from the date of first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners, Melody Turner and Joel Turner, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

If you are indigent you are entitled to appointed counsel. Counsel may be appointed to you by the Court at the first hearing after service. You should contact the Clerk of Court for the Cherokee Court at 828-359-6203 for information regarding how to request

and apply for counsel.

A dispositional order or a subsequent order may require certain actions of you or may terminate your parental rights.

Upon service, failure to comply with any order of the Court may cause the Court to issue a show cause order for contempt.

This the 30th day of July, 2021.

Kristy L. Parton

Attorney for Petitioners

PO Box 194

Bryson City, NC 28713

(828) 506-2569

klparton@gmail.com. **8/18**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center of Cherokee, North Carolina is issuing this Request for Proposals to solicit proposals

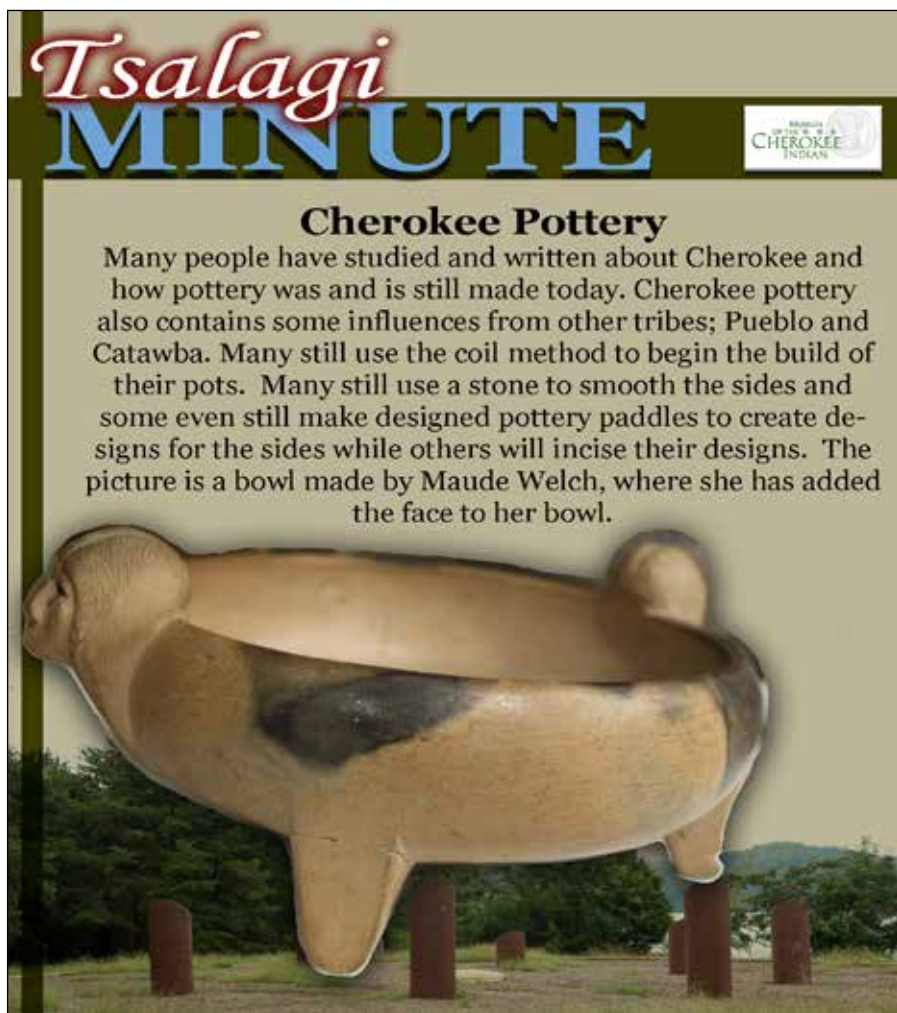
from qualified proposers with an organization that can provide a complete and in-depth process analysis of child abuse cases.

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP) AMENDMENT AND CAN-
CELLATION**

Heart to Heart reserves the right to amend this RFP in writing at any time. It also reserves the right to cancel or reissue at its sole discretion. Applicants must respond to the final written RFP and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, pertinent information will be issued to all parties who have submitted responses.

**THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT OR
AN OFFER TO CONTRACT**

Contractors are cautioned that this is a request for proposals, not a request to contract, or an offer to



contract, or an acceptance of any proposal or offer. Heart to Heart reserves the right to reject any and all submittals when such rejection is deemed to be in its best interest. Additionally, only submitted written questions may be addressed in Addenda; oral questions are not official and do not change the requirements of this RFP.

RFP COORDINATION

Specific details and requirements available upon request. For additional information regarding this RFP, more extensive information can be obtained by the contact below:

Brandi Cooper
Program Manager
Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 160
PO Box 666
Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6314
Email: brancoop@nc-chokeee.com

Submit to the contact listed above by: Monday, August 9th, 2021 by 4PM est. **8/4**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Project Title: Engineering Services: Parking, Lighting, Utilities and Site Civil

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms for design, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction administration in conjunction with the development of additional parking at the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center in Cherokee, NC. The project includes reviewing the existing gravel surface, providing complete construction drawings and specifications and assisting in the bidding, award and construction of the project. Firms wishing to

request a proposal package should contact Ken Green, at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-chokeee.com.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Ken Green, Project Management Program. Proposals must be received by 08/25/2021@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation and award of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ken Green at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-chokeee.com. **8/4**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Tribal Construction (TCP)
1840 Painttown Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 269-6169
Safety Boots

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TCP Office is requesting bids for safety boots. The deadline for submitting Bid Estimates shall be August 13, 2021, at 10a.m.

Please be advised that all TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal regulations 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 proposal requirements through the Tribal Construction Office. If you have any questions, please contact at (828)-269-6169. **8/11**



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, August 12, 2021

Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse
Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)

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Administrative Assistant - Finance/HR
Billing Technician II
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (x2)
Cook
Dental Assistant II (x2)
Dietary Services Supervisor
EVS Technician
Food Service Worker
Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Analenisgi Inpatient
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtotiyi (Hiring Bonus)
Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded
PTI Radiology Technologist (x2)
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (x2)
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room
RN Care Manager – Primary Care
Senior Accountant
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom
Targeted Case Manager – Residential Support

Tsali Care Center

Housekeeper
License Practical Nurse
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular
Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent
Registered Nurse Supervisor – Full-Time/Part-Time Regular
RN MDS Coordinator
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions
Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)

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