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Tribes enter into MOA
with Western Carolina
Univ. for language
preservation

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

A little more than two years after the three federally recognized tribes of Cherokee people declared a state of emergency for the Cherokee language, a new agreement has been signed to help with preservation efforts. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Western Carolina University (WCU).

Principal Chief Richard G.

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, and Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the revitalization and preservation of the Cherokee language. The MOA was signed at the beginning of the Kituwah Celebration held at the Kituwah Mound site on the evening of Friday, July 23. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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LANGUAGE: Tribes, WCU sign Memorandum of Agreement, from front page

Sneed and Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. signed the agreement, along with WCU Chancellor Dr. Kelli R. Brown, at the beginning of the Kituwah Celebration, held at the Kituwah Mound site on the evening of Friday, July 23. The leadership of the United Keetoowah Band will sign the agreement at a later date.

"This is an historic day today, and we're in an historic place – the Mother Town of the Cherokee, Kituwah," Chief Sneed told the crowd gathered for the Kituwah Celebration. "This place is the birthplace of our people, but the key component to every people, the key component to their identity is their language. And, as a result of the federal policies of the United States government, many tribes have lost their language forever."

He went on to say, "We're very fortunate today, both out in Oklahoma with the United Keetoowah Band and the Cherokee Nation and here at home with the Eastern Band, to still have Cherokee speakers."

Chief Sneed then asked all Cherokee speakers and second language learners to rise and be recognized by the group, and he also praised the work of WCU on language preservation. "Thank you so much for all that the university does. They recognize first the sacredness of the land on which the campus resides. Thank you for the land acknowledgment. Thank you for recognizing that it is sacred ground, and thank you for always making Cherokee culture and language a key part of the curriculum and a priority at the university."

Chief Hoskin Jr. commented, "To that vital mission that we have – to save the Cherokee language – there is so much



Leroy Littlejohn, standing, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a Cherokee first language speaker, speaks to Dawn Arneach, a Cherokee second language learner, and explains the meaning behind a traditional Cherokee design and syllabary on a ball cap designed for Cherokee speakers.

that our tribes are doing and doing well. We are leaders, across our three tribes, when it comes to business, aren't we? We're leaders when it comes to health care. We're leaders in educating a new generation of young people to take up leadership tomorrow. We are leading in conquering problems surrounding housing and poverty. We are leaders. That much is true, and I think in generations we will continue to be leaders..."

He added, "But, that is not enough my friends, my fellow Cherokees. If we lose what it means to be Cherokee. If we lose our lifeways, if we lose our culture, if we lose our precious language around which all of our cultures and life-

ways exist – if we lose that, we will have lost what makes us unique. There are a lot of governments and entities that can conquer problems in poverty, they can establish health care systems, they can run businesses and run casinos and run schools. There are lots of entities that do that, but the only people that can save the Cherokee language are the Cherokee people and good friends like Western Carolina University. We are committed to save the language because we've got to save the Cherokee people."

Chief Sneed read the MOA officially titled "Memorandum of Agreement for Cherokee Language, History, and Culture" which states

that the four entities "desire to engage in collaborative projects" and "expand opportunities for and by faculty, staff, students, and their respective communities".

The MOA calls for the creation of a strategic plan "which will include Cherokee language, history, and culture" and "the sister tribes and WCU will work collaboratively to develop and share curriculum, assessments, future training, and other resources developed by all respective parties".

The sharing of information within the four entities and outwardly is a main component of the MOA which also calls for quarterly meetings to be held to check on the progress within each area.

An annual public report on the progress is also mandated in the agreement.

The agreement also establishes the "Teach What You Know, Share What You Learn" delegation comprised of "members of each of the sister tribes who work with the language, culture, and history departments and two representatives from WCU". Collectively, the three tribes will appoint seven people to the delegation and WCU's two will make it a nine-person group.

The MOA will be up for re-evaluation at every year's Tri-Council meeting.

Rez Dog & Cat Life Death

"A lot of times somebody will have an old dog, it'll be 12 years old. 'I don't want it to die at my house, I'm going to take it to them and let it die and let them deal with it, or 'we just don't want these dogs anymore'. Usually, our numbers go up with per cap. Because 'we're gonna dump these dogs and buy new dogs'. It's not a happy scene. And it's not about Animal Control, it's not about what we put down. It's the pet owners. The pet owners are to blame." -EBCI Animal Control Manager Shane Davis, while addressing the Police Commission. He was explaining why, in a one month timeframe, between June and July 2021, 102 dogs and cats were euthanized by the EBCI. He added the count was typically higher for any given month.

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



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Tribal member named to statewide nonprofit board

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Juanita Wilson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is one of five people selected statewide this year who were elected to membership in the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits (NCCNP). The Center's mission is "to educate, connect, and advocate for North Carolina nonprofits."

Wilson, who works in the training and development department of the Department of Human Resources for the Eastern Band

of Cherokee Indians, is also the co-chair of the Nikwasi Initiative Board of Directors.

"As kids, we are taught to 'play fair', and 'be nice to each other'," said Wilson. "That has always been an important personal value for me. However, 'playing fair' has become a much broader thing to me after experiencing the COVID pandemic. As I watched the protests against unfair and bias practices happening all across our nation, I realized that we have to think beyond our own backyard. What happens throughout our nation and the world can touch us here at home. We have to be vigilant to what is going on but sometimes we don't even pay attention to our backyard."

She added, "As I pondered over my own role as a citizen of the EBCI and the United States, I re-

alized that I must do everything in my power to influence decisions, therefore, I have to look for opportunities to be at the decision-making table when I can."

Wilson said she's excited for the opportunity to serve with the NCCNP. "Being invited to join the N.C. Center for Nonprofits (NCCNP) is the latest in many incredible opportunities put before me to give a voice to my Tribe but also rural western North Carolina. It is also my hope that my participation with organizations like NCCNP will inspire my friends, colleagues and family members to look beyond what is familiar and comfortable. Our ancestors created delegations that traveled, "across the Pond" to create relationships important to growth, development and the well-being of their people and the lands they loved."

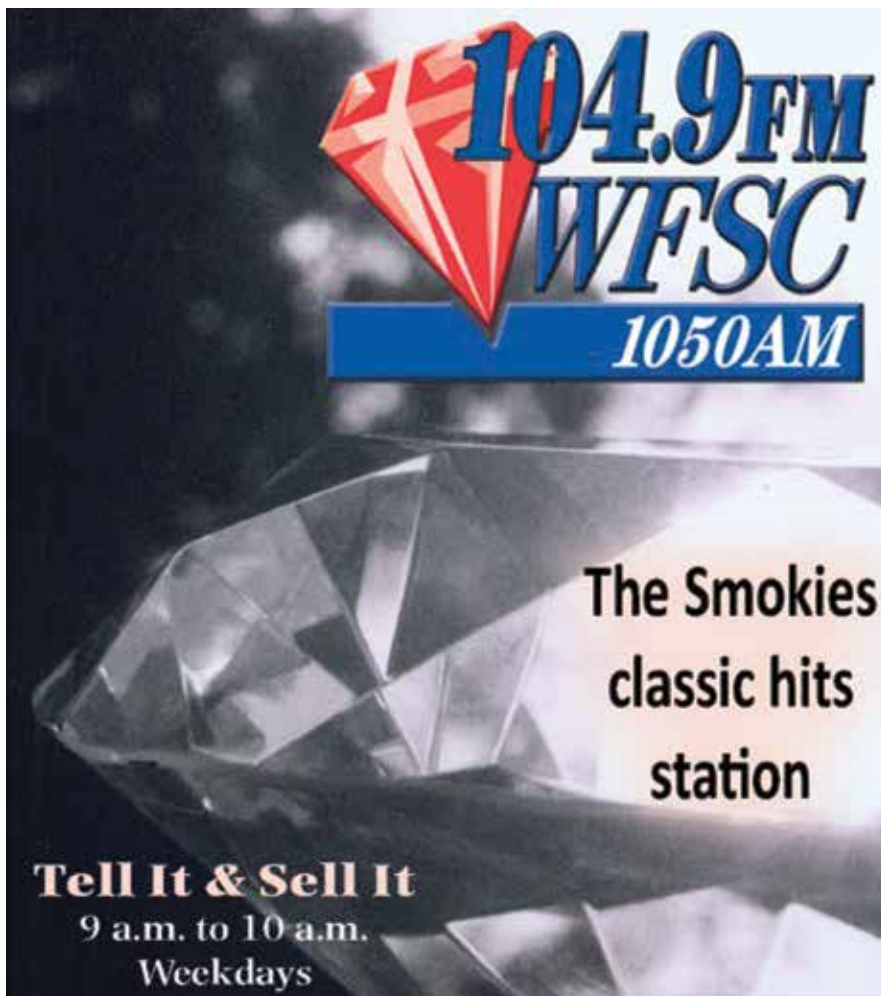
Wilson is joined as a new inductee to the Center's board by Jana Barrett, national director for Education Initiatives at Lincoln Financial Group in Greensboro; Doug Heron, associate vice president, Duke State Relations at Duke University Health Systems in Durham; Lenora Jarvis-Mackey, president and chief executive officer of River City Community Development Corporation in Elizabeth City; and Diego Ramon, vice president of North Carolina

Regional Office of Mutual of America in Charlotte.

Devire' Robinson, vice president of philanthropic advancement at Foundation For the Carolinas and Center board chair, said in a statement, "Our new board members bring extensive and diverse nonprofit leadership experience from every corner of the state to the Center. We are very excited about their energy and the possibilities the Center has to continue to help nonprofits strengthen their management capabilities."

Wilson said she is excited to get to work with the Center and noted, "I want to share the 'equity statement' of the NCCNP: 'The North Carolina Center for Nonprofits (the Center) places extraordinary value on seeing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) embedded within the structure of all organizations and communities across the state. We are committed to transforming North Carolina into a more equitable state and dismantling racism on the four levels on which it operates in society (Personal; Interpersonal; Institutional; Structural)'. As a new board member, I will be at the table to ensure these values are extended to my backyard...and beyond. Sgi!"

For more information on the N.C. Center for Nonprofits, visit www.ncnonprofits.org



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Fun Facts from the Editor:

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- * Magnets can affect your moral compass. Strong magnetic fields can make people judge a morally dubious situation as acceptable.
- * A 150-lb adult male on Earth would weigh 250 tons on the sun.
- * George Washington grew marijuana in his garden.

Harrah's Cherokee Casinos makes \$70,000 Donation to Folds of Honor

Harrah's Cherokee Casinos has announced the company will donate \$70,000 to support Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization that assists military families by providing educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members.

The donation comes from a two-month long fundraising event organized by Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Food & Beverage Manager Alan Seay. During the promotional period, for each 16 oz. Bud Light and Redneck Riviera cocktail purchased at Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, \$1 was donated to Folds of Honor.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Seay, also an Air Force Veteran, has organized this event. With this year's donation doubling the funds raised in previous years, Seay says he is thrilled for the success of the event.

"As a Veteran, this annual fundraising event is special to me as it directly impacts military families," said Seay. "We've had great success with this event each year, but I am so thrilled that this year we were able to double our donation to help provide scholarships to the families of service members who have sacrificed so much for this country. I can't thank our team members and guests of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos enough for their support."

Rick Nechio, Folds of Honor Development director, appreciates the continued partnership with Harrah's Cherokee and the lasting impact it provides.

"Through our continued partnership with Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, we are able to make a lasting impact on the lives of local

military service families by helping educate our nation's future," said Nechio. "Together, we are devoted to our local communities and dedicated to giving back to those who have given so much to protect our freedom."

Folds of Honor's educational scholarships support private education tuition and tutoring for children in grade K-12, in addition to higher education tuition assistance for spouses and dependents. The organization has awarded nearly 29,000 scholarships in all 50 states, including approximately 4,500 in 2020 alone. For more information on Folds of Honor, visit www.foldsofhonor.org.

- Harrah's Cherokee release

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians receives Homeowner Assistance Funds

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has received \$2,646,585 in Homeowner Assistance Funds (HAF) under the American Rescue Act Plan. HAF will be administered by the Tribe's Cherokee Indian Division of Housing.

The HAF was established to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds to eligible entities for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020, through qualified expenses related to mortgages and housing.

Eligible Homeowners

Homeowners are eligible to receive HAF assistance if they experienced a financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020, and have incomes equal to or less than 150 percent of the state median

income. The EBCI will provide HAF assistance to eligible families with annual income up to \$86,012. The EBCI may provide HAF funds only to a homeowner with respect to qualified expenses related to the dwelling that is such homeowner's primary residence.

The EBCI will require homeowners to attest that they experienced financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020. The attestation must describe the nature of the financial hardship (for example, job loss, reduction in income, or increased costs due to healthcare or the need to care for a family member).

Qualified Expenses

EBCI may use funding from the HAF only for the following types of qualified expenses that are for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, homeowner mortgage

defaults, homeowner mortgage foreclosures, homeowner loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship:

Start Date

The web portal to request assistance will be open on July 28, 2021. Additional information on allowed costs will be available at that time. The portal can be accessed through EBCI.com and clicking on the COVID19 Assistance tab to complete the request for assistance application. If assistance by phone is needed, call 359-6320 to speak with Michelle Stamper, Misty Milsapps or Tina Larch.

- Cherokee Indian Division of Housing release



Police Commission discusses narcotics and animal control

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Police Commission held its last meeting on Thursday, July 15 and spent most of it discussing the drug issues on the Qualla Boundary.

The monthly audience lasted well over three hours and saw a number of guests offer ideas and reports. The first of these was former Principal Chief Michell Hicks, who is the president of Chief Strategy Group.

Chief Hicks wished to present several of his company's projects to the Commission, as well as enter into dialogue on the drug issues on the Boundary. He pointedly asked the Commission, 'what are we going to do?'

They discussed the expansion of the Analenesgi program, as well as a general lack of communication involved in many of the joint efforts across the Tribe. He said that it was a goal of his to increase this communication, as well as to have mass accountability for major projects.

Chief Hicks said that one of these major projects should be a location for 'transitional housing', or something to that effect. He said that there is a lack of resources for those that are coming out of jail or drug programs, and housing and safety should be a focus for the community to help with this problem.

Following Chief Hicks, the Police Commission moved into a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Nothing was reported on this closed session, and no decisions were made following the opening of the meeting.

The next step in the drug conversation saw the Cherokee Indian

Police Department enter with the full narcotics division. The Commission requested the full unit make an appearance for formal introductions. Following the CIPD report, the narcotics team had a closed session with the Commission.

Several of the officers described exactly how dire the drug issue was on the Boundary. Officer Jesse Ramirez was explaining the 'street value' of drugs in Cherokee. He demonstrated this by using an example of the price of a dosage of heroin.

"In Asheville, it goes for 20 dollars. In Cherokee, it's going for 40, 50, 60 dollars. It's inflated here. Drug values are inflated here compared to other urban environments around. I think it's mainly because of the cash-on-hand that

"People using drugs here have a lot more money on hand at certain times of the month and at certain times of the year than anybody else in the region."

- Jesse Ramirez, CIPD narcotics officer

is available for per caps, per cap loans. People using drugs here have a lot more money on hand at certain times of the month and at certain times of the year than anybody else in the region."

This was not the only instance in the meeting where per capita payments were tied to a major community issue. Shane Davis, head of EBCI Animal Control, said in his report that the number of animals retrieved always spikes around per capita payments. He said that many families will use the financial boost to get new pets, often leaving older furry family members without a place to survive. This semi-annual vicious

cycle leads to Davis picking up these dogs and cats, often ending in euthanasia.

Davis reported that his department responded to 495 calls between June 11 and July 9. He also reported that his unit had euthanized 58 dogs and 44 cats in that same time frame. When asked if those numbers were higher than usual, Davis said that they were actually 'lower than usual'.

"A lot of times somebody will have an old dog, it'll be 12 years old. 'I don't want it to die at my house, I'm going to take it to them and let it die and let them deal with it,'" explained Davis.

"Or, 'we just don't want these dogs anymore'. Usually, our numbers go up with per cap. Because 'we're gonna dump these dogs and buy new dogs'. It's not a happy

scene. And it's not about Animal Control, it's not about what we put down. It's the pet owners. The pet owners are to blame," he said.

This conversation opened the floor to ideas on how to remedy the widespread animal issues in Cherokee. Davis said that he wished to increase their adoption services and reduce the euthanasia from their facilities. He said that Animal Control was looking to change their image in the community.

The Commission was keen to help Animal Control push for resources and funding to assist in the mission of increasing adoption and limiting irresponsible pet

ownership on the Boundary.

Following Davis in the meeting was head of EBCI Natural Resource Enforcement (NRE) Rick Queen. He offered his report for his NRE officers. He also stated that he had been doing more foot patrols with his canines. He said that he was most often called to do foot patrols at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino and the Food Lion parking lot.

Josh Taylor, of Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), was the final report of the meeting. He focused on his staff, saying that many of them had trainings for the courtroom. He explained that it is a difficult step for many officers once they have to take the stand. He said that having them prepared for working with attorneys was an important facet of the job.

After spending well over two hours in open session, the Police Commission moved to a second closed session with the narcotics division for the remainder of the meeting. This closed session lasted at least another hour. Once again, no report was offered from this closed session.

The July 15 meeting of the EBCI Police Commission was called to order just after 12 p.m. with Chairperson Tunney Crowe; Secretary Anita Lossiah; and Commissioners Lisa Taylor, Kym Parker, Solomon Saunooke, Hillary Norville, and Frank Dunn all present. Buddy Johnson was absent from the meeting.

The Commission gathers monthly and has recently been meeting in the large conference room at the Ginger Lynn Welch complex. These sessions are open to the public. The August date for the Police Commission has not been set.

Constitution vs. Charter: Article VII

Know the difference!

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Article VII – Grand Council

Grand Council, being a unique body in Cherokee culture and tradition, shall be an assembly of the Principal People which consists of Tribal citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older. The Cherokee Community Club Council shall convene, establish the procedures for, set the agenda for, and preside over Grand Council.

CURRENT CHARTER

Section 10. The Principal Chief shall have the right to call a Grand Council of all enrolled members to attend and he shall preside over such meeting.

Why is the Grand Council included in the Constitution?

There is a varied history on Grand Council, who was in charge? What authority did it hold? How did it work? The way previous Grand Councils have been conducted in the past has differed each time. Rather than try to fit all the previous versions of Grand Council into one, it was decided to solidify what we believe Grand Council should be.

We felt that Grand Council should be a council of the people, not of politics. The people who can participate should include everyone eligible to vote in Tribal elections, not just registered voters. Grand Council should not be run or controlled by any branch of government, the Executive, Judicial or Legislative branches but by the Cherokee Community Club Council (CCCC). The closest organization to being of the people is the CCCC since its members are unpaid elected officers who volunteer to serve on the community clubs.

The CCCC shall decide if a matter should be brought up for the people to consider. They can take requests for Grand Council back to the clubs to consider if it should be called to take up the requested issue and when it should occur.

By placing Grand Council in the Constitution, it should be beyond the politics of the government and direct manipulations of any branch. This should be about the people meeting together to be able to freely discuss and debate issues that may affect the whole Tribe.

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

Article 7 is being presented in parts. More next week!

CIPD Arrest Report for July 11-18

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.

Cahill, Sean S. – age 44
Arrested: July 11
Released: July 11
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive

Diyea, Itondreya – age 27
Arrested: July 11
Released: July 11
Charges: DWI

Huene, Andrew Christopher – age 40
Arrested: July 11
Released: July 11
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Driver, Johanna Ramone – age 43
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 13
Charges: Probation Violation

Hendrix, Billy Joe – age 40
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 13
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Powell, Ladybird – age 49
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 13
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Rachel Nicole – age 29
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 13
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 20
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 13
Charges: Probation Violation

Flippo, Robert – age 25
Arrested: July 13
Released: July 13
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 34
Arrested: July 13
Released: July 14
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Second Degree Trespass

Teesateskie, Brian Elliot – age 45
Arrested: July 13
Released: July 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 43
Arrested: July 14
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear

Cook, Katrina Lynn – age 34
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Panther, Virgil Lee – age 47
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 28
Arrested: July 14
Released: Not released as of report

date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Radford, Jake – age 22
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest

Saunooke, Mahava Brooke – age 30
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Teesatuskie Jr., Gary Mitchell – age 22
Arrested: July 14
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Bowman, Ronald Sequoyah – age 48
Arrested: July 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear

Crowe III, Warren Harding – age 42
Arrested: July 15
Released: July 16
Charges: Assault by Strangulation, Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury

Driver, Mason – age 44
Arrested: July 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault by Strangulation, Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Raby, John Wesley – age 35
Arrested: July 15
Released: July 16
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

MISSING PERSON

Jean D Theodore

Male Age: 53 years

Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 9"-5' 10" Weight: 210-220 lbs

Hair (short): Black (beard) Eyes : Brown

Date of last contact: July 13, 2021

Location: Carteret, New Jersey (Middlesex County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: 53 year old Jean D Theodore walked away from his apartment located in the City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey on 07/13/2021. He was last seen exiting a taxi cab on Roosevelt Avenue in Carteret New Jersey. His whereabouts are unknown. Last seen wearing all black clothing and a black ball cap, also carrying a orange safety vest/shirt.

If you have seen Jean Theodore, please contact City of Rahway Police Department, Detective Daniel D'Albero. (732) 827-2200.

Source: Namus.gov



Bradley, David Alvin – age 32
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 16
Charges: Larceny

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 28
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 16
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Russell, William Bryant – age 46
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 16
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Welch, Emerson Sequoyah – age 43
Arrested: July 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Queen Sr., Hugh Nolan – age 56
Arrested: July 17
Released: July 17
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Thompson, Victoria Grace – age 31
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury; Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or other Communication Equipment; Interfering with Emergency Communication

Smith sworn in as assistant D.A. in Haywood County

Sworn-in Monday, July 19, Haywood County native Christopher Smith is now an assistant district attorney assigned to the 43rd Prosecutorial District's Waynesville office.

Smith graduated Tuscola High

School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology from East Tennessee State University. Smith received his law degree in December 2020 from Elon University.

He initially worked in the 43rd Prosecutorial District for District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch in 2016 as an investigator. That position was funded through a federal grant targeting domestic violence. Smith's mother, Amanda Smith, was a victim in 2010 of domestic violence.

The 43rd Prosecutorial District's newest employee turned 28 just one day before his swearing-in ceremony.

"My birthday present is my job," he said. "Coming back to the office and to my first work family, where I began my actual working career, is special to me."

District Court Judge Kaleb Wingate administered the oath of office. Smith's grandparents, Dottie and Wayne Smith, joined their grandson for the swearing-in ceremony.

- Release from the Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch

Sylva man sentenced following crime spree

Last August, Jackson County deputies responded to reports of a vehicle fire on Parris Branch. They arrived to find a 2008 Mercury Mariner burning. A torn shirt sleeve, shoved into the gas tank, served as a rough-hewn wick.

When a car sped by, deputies followed. They stopped the car. Among the six people inside they found Quentin Riggs, 25.

At his feet, the Sylva man had a backpack with a mobile video recorder inside, as well as the owner's manual for a 2008 Mercury Mariner.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Jackson County Schools owned the recorder – stolen from school bus No. 27 – and the compact SUV. Both were taken from the parking lot of Scotts Creek Elementary School, she said.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts ordered Riggs to spend a minimum of 40 months and a maximum of 84 months in the N.C. Department of Corrections.

Riggs pleaded guilty to:

- Three counts felony larceny of motor vehicle.
- Three counts felony larceny.
- Two counts possession of methamphetamine.
- Attempted obtaining property by false pretenses.
- Felony breaking and entering a motor vehicle.
- Burning personal property.
- Felony possession of a motor vehicle.

The string of crimes started in January of last year and ended in May of this year.

Thanks to an ankle monitor, on Jan. 1, 2020, Riggs was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Officers tracked him to Harris Regional Hospital's emergency room.

On July 31, 2020, Riggs attempted to cash a stolen/forged check for \$100 at the local credit union.

He stole a 2001 Ford Econoline from an Old Settlement Road address on Feb. 22, 2021.

A few days later, on Feb. 26, officers found Riggs with methamphetamine after a traffic stop for a car with no tag.

On March 1, he stole a 2006 GMC Savana van, with a utility trailer attached, from an address on Hemlock Street.

On May 10, Riggs stole a 2001

Pontiac Grand Prix from a Parris Branch Road address. He sold it as scrap to a metal-recycling operation; the car was crushed.

Riggs was charged July 3 with possessing a 1994 Ford F150, breaking the window on the driver's side. He spray-painted the truck's hood black.

Assistant District Attorney Andy Buckner prosecuted the case.

- Release from the Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch

Good Housekeeping

Sweet Potato Fries With 2 Sauces

- 2 large sweet potatoes, cut lengthwise into fat chips
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 4 clove garlic
- Sea salt
- Clove freshly ground pepper

Creamy Scallion Dip:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons sliced scallions
- 2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Ginger-Peach Ketchup:

- 1 peach
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

1. In a large bowl, toss sweet potatoes with olive oil, parsley, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper until evenly coated. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate for 2 hours.

2. Heat grill to medium. Grill sweet potatoes until tender, turning once, 7 to 8 minutes per side. Serve hot or at room temperature, with dipping sauces if desired. Serves 8.

3. To make Creamy Scallion Dip: Combine ingredients in bowl and serve.

4. To make Ginger-Peach Ketchup: Simmer peach, ketchup, lemon juice, ginger and soy sauce for about 10 minutes. Serve.

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ON THE SIDELINES

Community shows support for Braves Kickoff Classic

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

Most was rising off the greens at the Sequoyah National Golf Club when over 80 participants took to the course to raise funds for Cherokee football players on the morning of Friday, July 23. The annual Braves Kickoff Classic, organized by the Cherokee Central Schools Community Affairs Office, brought together many community members and sponsors and raised over \$9,000 for the Cherokee High School varsity and junior varsity football programs.

"We're finally able to get out here after COVID and not have to worry," said Chase Sneed, Cherokee Central Schools Community Affairs office. "We didn't get to have it last year. We've been doing it about six years."

He added, "We're lucky enough to come from a community that will donate prizes and donate gifts. Everything that we have today is donated. The only thing that we pay for is tee times for the golf course."

Each player paid \$120 with four-person teams, and businesses or organizations could sponsor a hole for \$500/each. "It all goes to the football program for new pads, helps us re-condition our helmets every year, helps us maintain the field itself, and all of our workout equipment – new footballs this year," said Sneed.

He is very thankful for the support. "We just want to thank everyone for coming out. Again, we're lucky enough to have a community that supports our football program, supports our



Shannon Ross, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Yellowhill Community, chips a shot during the Cherokee Braves Kickoff Classic golf tournament fundraiser at the Sequoyah National Golf Club on the morning of Friday, July 23. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

athletics, supports our school in every aspect. I would just like to thank everyone that is a part of it – coaching staff, players, community, Sequoyah National; it's just come together, and we thank everyone for giving the support that we have."

Sean Ross, Cherokee Central Schools athletic director, is also very thankful for the support. "I think it brings us all together and gives us an event to have everybody having some sort of level of facetime with one another. It gives us the opportunity to talk about the kids individually and their progress, and it keeps the community in the know as to the day-to-day operations of the team."

He added, "It also allows the kids to understand that there is a



Kent Briggs, former Braves head football coach, is shown playing early in the tournament.

community out there that supports them. I think everyone understand what this tournament is about and what it goes to and that's why we get such a good turnout."

Although a fundraiser, it was still a tournament and scores were taken so there was a winning team. The foursome of Shannon Ross, Jason Boston, Tyler Shuler, and Ethan Ledford took first place. Another notable on the day is that Eden Brown scored her first hole-in-one during the tournament.

The support shown to the football program, through the fundraiser, was immense, and it was nice seeing everyone out there on Friday morning having fun – but, more importantly, having fun for a great cause.

The late Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." He must have been talking about the Cherokee community who came through once again with its giving spirit.



Cole Davis, shown teeing off, was the youngest player in the tournament at age 8.

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MOTHER TOWN

Annual Kituwah Celebration held on evening of July 23 at Kituwah Mound

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Bullet Standingdeer, a member of the Warriors of Anikituahwa and an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, dances the Cherokee Welcome Dance during the annual Kituwah Celebration at the Kituwah Mound site - the Mother Town of the Cherokee people.



Indian dinners, prepared and served by Granny's Kitchen, were served for free to everyone in attendance at Friday's event.



Kyler Hill, standing, smiles as he eyes the ball as members of the Kolanvyi Indian Ball team fight for the ball during a stickball exhibition game.



Nakoa Chiltoskie and Sonny Ledford, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, wait for the Cherokee Friendship Dance to begin. Chiltoskie is dressed in a ribbon skirt, and Ledford wears 18th century style Cherokee clothes.

Mlcah Swimmer, a member of the Warriors of Anikituahwa, performs the Cherokee Welcome Dance. He is a Cherokee second language learner.



Shana Condill looks to take the Museum to the next level

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Staff

Shana Bushyhead Condill was announced as the new executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in June and says she has hit the ground running. On Thursday, July 22 the Museum hosted a meet and greet for the community and local stakeholders. Before diving into the networking event, Condill took a few minutes to discuss her first two months on the job.

“In my interview process, they were really upfront about all kinds of things, which was awesome. Because that really allowed me to hit the ground running. So, we’ve been moving pretty quickly,” said Condill.

She said that she is looking forward to working as a true leader and is excited to push what she sees as a group of top-notch employees.

“I have a huge blessing in the staff that I inherited. They’re incredibly talented and they all have their own ideas and visions for the future, which is fabulous. I feel like my job is really to kind of enable them and lift them up and get them going.”

Condill holds over 20 years of experience in the field, and she got her first taste during her undergraduate studies at Illinois Wesleyan University. During her junior year in 1998, she decided to intern at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

“I think it was never a question of wanting to serve my community, but it was like, ‘How would I serve my community?’ And I certainly loved the museum, my parents took me all the time. But I wasn’t really thinking about it as a



Shana Condill, new executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, meets community members during a meet-and-greet event at the Museum on the evening of Thursday, July 22. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

career ever,” said Condill.

“To get that as an experience was life changing. That’s when I knew that’s what I wanted to do with my life.”

Shortly after this falling in love with the idea of museum work, Condill saw the next piece fall into place.

“When I was an undergrad, I had an English professor who happened to know somebody that worked at the National Museum of the American Indian. And back then, there was no Museum of the American Indian, like it wasn’t a building yet,”

Condill was able to intern in 1999 at the National Museum of the American Indian. She knew at that point there was no turning back. She dedicated the next 20 years to different positions in different museums, working most recently at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

As someone who worked at the

Museum of the Cherokee Indian in 1998, Condill says it’s fascinating to see what all has changed in the time between.

“That’s what’s so cool about it. Now, it’s time for us to make our mark on it. Ken Blankenship, of course, had the helm for a long time and did a fantastic job sort of making a name for the museum. All of the different kinds of add-ons ... the museum has grown over the years for sure, and it’s our pleasure to sort of take it to that next level. Get us on a playing field with some of the larger Tribal museums that we know about and just the museum world in general. Indian country in general.”

Who the museum is catered to is a leading factor of how Condill is approaching her new position. She says that there will be some significant changes coming that will look to lift the community.

“The main priority for all of us, I think, is we have been visitor-fo-

cused for a long time. And we’re fortunate, we have all of these people that come to Cherokee as a destination. We have visitors coming to the National Park. We are so fortunate to have all of these visitors, and that’s great. I think what we want to do is shift the focus to our community and make sure we’re serving them primarily,” said Condill.

“One of the first things we need to do, then, is find out what those needs are. We’ve been anticipating what we think a lot of them are, but we want to make sure we ask. What are the best ways we can serve? We’re not interested in preservation, necessarily, for just preservation’s sake. I’m not just trying to preserve a basket just to preserve a basket, but why am I preserving that basket? What’s it for? For an artist that’s currently interested in weaving and wants to look at something from 200 years ago? I’m here for you.”

Jones-Bowman Leadership Program report

2021 has been a busy year for the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program. The 2020-21 program year finished on May 31, and the new program year started on June 1.

The Fellows of the 2020-21 program year distributed face masks to the Cherokee High School and surrounding area EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) high school seniors during the community sponsored Real-Life Expo. High school seniors were able to talk about the opportunities that Jones-Bowman and the rest of the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) offer. RKLI staff also provided 'thank you' cards for the seniors to dedicate to someone at their school that they appreciate.

On May 15, Jones-Bowman Fellow (Kristen) Sassy Washington, graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications. She was a Jones-Bowman Fellow for two years, 2019-21. An end-of-year picnic was held at Collins Creek for the remaining fellows of the 2020-2021 year. Washington was acknowledged by the staff and her peers for her achievement.

June 1 marked the start of the new program year. The new Jones-Bowman participants attended an in-person orientation at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute on June 7.

On Tuesday, July 6, the Fellows of the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program met at Lake Junaluska for their Summer Retreat. The retreat was kicked off



Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program 2021-22 Fellows are shown, left to right, including - Colby Taylor, Juantia Paz-Chalacha, Zoie Lambert, Kevonna Tushka, Levi West, and Nolan Blake Arkansas. (Photo courtesy of Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program)

with a presentation from current J-B Fellow Nolan Blake Arkansas who recently travelled to Los Angeles, Calif. to study some of the local Indigenous artwork that aligned with themes of empowerment, awareness, and gender identity.

On July 7, the Fellows and Mentors met in person for the first time. The 2021-22 Fellows and Mentors are: Nolan Blake Arkansas - Yale (Ahli-Sha Stephens - Mentor), Zoie Lambert - University of Tennessee at Knoxville (Marisa Cabe - Mentor), Juanita Paz-Chalacha - University of North Carolina (Tara McCoy - Mentor), Colby Taylor - University of North Carolina (Bonnie Claxton - Mentor), Kevonna Tushka - South College Asheville

(Dr. Jennifer Thompson - Mentor), and Levi West - Arizona State University (Monica Wildcatt - Mentor.) Arkansas, Tushka, and West are the returning participants from the 2020-21 year. During the retreat, participants enjoyed presentations from former Jones-Bowman Fellows Faith Long and Cara Forbes. Long presented on the experiences that Jones-Bowman allowed her and Forbes presented on the importance of mental health awareness and acceptance. Later in the evening, the participants were treated to traditional Cherokee social dances with Micah Swimmer and the Aniyvwiya Dancers.

The Fellows have cultural and leadership goals that they will be working on alongside their higher

education endeavors. They will also have a group project that is designed to boost community morale and improve the quality of life for the Cherokee community. Each Fellow has a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer community service before the end of the program year. The Fellows and Mentors will have their Mid-Year Retreat on Jan. 5 and 6, 2022.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a professional and cultural development program and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Other support comes from the Cherokee Boys Club and the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute.

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program release

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 regranting 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
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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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OBITUARIES ᏍᏏᏁᏰ

Stacy "Bessie" Wallace

Stacy "Bessie" Wallace, 74, of Cherokee, passed away at the Tsali Care Nursing Center on Saturday, July 17, 2021 following a brief illness.

Bessie was the daughter of the late Ollie Wallace and resided in the Birdtown Community. She was an outstanding member of her Cherokee Community and was regarded as "Friend to Everyone" who would exhaust herself to help wherever was needed whenever needed. This made her a good teacher as she made her way in the childcare service and influenced so many people in the area. She was a member of the Echota Baptist Church. Her loving Spirit will be missed by so many.

Bessie is survived by a daughter, Tisa Squirrel, and a son Joshua Squirrel, Jr.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Christine Toineeta; special sisters, Valorie Welch and Judith Smith; and special friends, Joyce

Welch and Geraldine Thompson all of Cherokee.

Along with her mother, Bessie was also preceded in death by a brother, Earl Leroy Wallace and a grandson, Stephen Ruth.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 21 at the Bethabara Baptist Church in the Birdtown Community with Pastor Noah Crowe officiating. An immediate burial took place in the Wallace Family Cemetery following the service with grandsons and family friends being Pall Bearers.

James Vernon Loftis

James Vernon Loftis, 56, of the Alarka community, went to his eternal home Saturday, July 17, 2021. He was the son of Doyle and Shirley Loftis of the Alarka community.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bood and Velma Loftis and James and Dessie McGugan.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two children, Kelly Loftis (Landon Parton), Logan

Loftis; grandchildren who called him Pop whom he was crazy about, Preslyn Loftis, Ridge Parton and Bood Parton; brother, Vincent Loftis (Rhonda) all of Alarka; several nieces and nephews; special cousins, Tammy, Mark, Jeremy and Josh Stephenson; and his dog, Maggie.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 21 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was in the Mason Branch Cemetery.

Louise Mabel Maney

Louise Mabel Maney, 83, Beloved wife of the late Jesse Anderson Maney Sr., went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 16, 2021. She was born in Bluff City, Tenn. She was a faithful member of Rock Springs Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years.

Mrs. Maney loved children and if you were ever one of "her Sunday School Kids", know that you were loved and remember the things she taught you.

Louise was preceded in death

by her beloved husband, Jesse; her mother, Ada Nelson Morrell; several brothers and sisters; two daughters, Louise M. Maney II and Jenny Fay Wilson; and two grandchildren, Lee Ann Carty and Bubba Maney.

Surviving Louise are granddaughter, Beth Maney Click; sons, Jerry, Greg, Sam, and Junior Maney; daughters, Rosa Maney, Ann Coggins, and Malissa Dover and their significant others. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, one brother, four sisters, and a special friend of the family, Robert Hornbuckle.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, July 21 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Pastor Greg Morgan officiated. Burial was on the Mountain on Mink Branch. Pallbearers were Shaun Click, Dale Maney, Robert Hornbuckle, Greg Maney, Jr. Maney, and Dakota Maney.

Crisp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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
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"Pass It On" Scholarship sends a message of giving back

SYLVA – Dedicating her life to paying it forward, Joyce Cooper has participated in various academic and charitable works, working at Southwestern Community College and Haywood Community College and contributing time to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the last twenty years.

One of her more recent acts was donating to the SCC Foundation - which offers financial support to students - to create a new scholarship.

"I love volunteering and helping people," said Cooper. "I have thought for several years that I would like to do a scholarship to help students that need assistance."

Created with a gift of \$18,000, the Joyce Cooper "Pass It On" Endowed Scholarship Fund will annually earn interest that can then be given to students pursuing an associate degree in Health

Sciences or a College Transfer in Health Sciences.

"I am so excited that Joyce has chosen SCC students to honor with her scholarship," said SCC Board of Trustees Chairman Lambert Wilson. "An education can never be taken away, and what a great way to help our students create a better life. I am so thankful to Joyce for believing in SCC and our students."

"We are grateful to Joyce for her decision to create a scholarship that will be life changing not only for our students, but also for their future patients and families," said SCC President Dr. Don Tomas. "Generous support like Joyce's helps ensure our students will be successful."

Cooper added: "I wanted to do this as a statement and hope that someone will benefit and maybe someday they'll pass it on. I think it's very important to give back." For more information about the scholarship or the SCC Founda-

tion, contact Brett Woods at b_woods@southwesterncc.edu or 339-4241.

- *Southwestern Comm. College release*

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Robert Washington

The family of the late Robert Lee Washington Sr. would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, flowers, visits, prayers, for, and the kind expressions of sympathy shown following his sad passing. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all the family. Special thanks to Olivet United Methodist Church, Joe Wolfe for leading a great service, the tremendous singers (Albert and Vickie Sluder, Melvin and Zena Wolfe, Will and Jeff Thompson), the Qualla Fire Department for traffic control as well as Appalachian Funeral Home for their

care and support.

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for funding me Summer Semester 2021. This financial assistance will be a tremendous help as I continue the Anthropology Doctoral program at the University of Tennessee. I am grateful this scholarship is available to Eastern Band of Cherokee Students who are pursuing a Masters or Doctoral Program.

In the past, this scholarship has provided me with much needed help during my academic career to earn my master's degree and will continue to help as I pursue obtaining my degree. Thank you again for your consideration in helping fund my academic career, without your help it would be much more difficult to achieve.

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ALL FACILITIES LISTED HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE, MANY HAVE PHOTOS OF ADOPTABLE PETS

COMMENTARY: Delta variant may put us back in masks and lockdowns

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

The most recently released information on our COVID-19 preparedness is a cause for concern. The news from the EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division is that we have fallen off to a trickle of citizens getting vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is currently behind the state and federal averages of vaccinated populations with only 40 percent of the EBCI fully vaccinated. Conversely, 60 percent of our people are unprotected and could potentially spark outbreaks of the virus. Even the state numbers are lacking with 45 percent of the North Carolina population vaccinated. Even with that low number, the state has still outpaced us.

It is not for lack of trying. Our Cherokee Indian Hospital and Public Health and Human Services Division have been and continue to be the best when it comes to making shots available. It is safe to say that now they have provided for everyone who wanted the shots. With almost military precision, they have put out statistics, held information sessions, and vaccination clinics for tribal members and anyone who would roll up their sleeves. The vaccination slow-down is not at the production or distribution level. It is us. We are holding up the progress.

The politicizing of this particular medical emergency has completely fogged our ability to think rationally. There are some who are now saying that the virus is somehow a political weapon. If you are a conservative leaning person, then

the liberal/progressive leaning people are using COVID-19 to advance their agenda. If you are a liberal or progressive leaning person, then the conservative leaning people are using COVID-19 to advance their agenda. However the politicians may or may not be using COVID-19, the fact is that it is here, and it is affecting lives short-term and long, and it is killing people. That cannot be denied.

Following are some quotes from around the country that are interesting on this subject:

“New COVID-19 vaccine warnings don’t mean it is unsafe - they mean the system to report side effects is working.”

- Justin Vesser, University of Virginia

“Delta variant makes it even more important to get a COVID-19 vaccine, even if you’ve already had the coronavirus. One study found that six months after receiving their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, 100 percent of people tested had antibodies against SARS-CoV-2. This is the longest period that has been reported in published studies so far. In looking at the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, antibody levels were also much higher in vaccinated people than in those who had recovered from infection. A study in Israel showed that the Pfizer vaccine blocked 90 percent of infections after both doses, even with new variants present in the population. A study with the original COVID-19 virus showed that vaccination after infection produces roughly 100 times more antibodies than infection alone, and 100 percent of the people who were vaccinated after infection had protective antibodies against the

delta variant.”

-Jennifer T. Grier, University of Virginia

“One in three survivors of COVID-19, those more commonly referred to as COVID-19 long-haulers, suffered from neurologic or psychiatric disability six months after infection, a recent landmark study of more than 200,000 post-COVID-19 patients showed.”

-Chris Robinson, University of Florida

“CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said in a July 1 White House briefing that preliminary data reviewed by her agency suggests 99.5 percent of the people who died from COVID-19 over the past six months were unvaccinated, a stunning statistic in support of her assertion that nearly every virus-linked death is now preventable.”

-Jemima McEvoy, Forbes Magazine

The COVID-19 research that has been going on for the past year and a half tells us that COVID-19 can be deadly. But, if you don’t die from it, your life could be significantly changed. The coronavirus may leave its host (that is you and me) with heart damage, lung damage, and brain damage. In fact, there is likely not an organ in our bodies that the virus can’t damage, or destroy. I risk fearmongering here, but it is a pretty frightening prospect that, while you might beat the virus outright, you might come through it with a chronic heart, lung, or brain condition. According to information from Johns Hopkins University, “The average number of new COVID-19

cases each day the past week was 32,278. That’s a 66 percent jump from the average daily rate the previous week, and 145 percent higher than the rate from two weeks ago.”

It has been astounding, and appalling, to watch people who routinely go to the store and buy over-the-counter medications, pick up prescriptions written for them by their doctors, go for health advise and medical checkups and procedures, and send their kids to get vaccinated with a soup of preventative medicines required to enter school, balk at the opportunity to avoid death or serious long-term complications. Their reason? They say that they don’t trust the medical community. See what I mean about the fog?

Beyond the enormous risk to the body, the impact of a national relapse of COVID-19 will be dramatic and devastating. If we don’t control the spread, masks will become prominent in our future again, along with stay-at-home orders. Has our euphoria from the little bit of freedom that we have been able to enjoy made us drunk and oblivious to the harsh realities of less than a year ago? Statewide and nationwide lockdowns again would mean panic, hoarding and outages of essential items, supply chain disruptions, materials and energy price hikes. In fear of the Delta variant, the stock market lost 700 points in trading yesterday on news of the rapid resurgence of COVID-19.

When doctors identify a sickness, they treat it. It is their jobs, and they even take an oath to do that. Just because you saw on the internet that our doctors and nurses are part of a big conspiracy to advance some vaporous

political agenda doesn't make it true. Use your common sense. Did the doctors and nurses shy away when the vaccine came out? Nope. They were the first in line. And to further debunk another ridiculous theory, one reporter commented that there has not been a microchip invented that would pass through one of those tiny needles they use to give you the vaccine, and, even if it were, don't you think they would have already done it with the hundreds of other routine vaccinations and medical procedures you get throughout your life?

The reality is that this new variant is hitting its stride at a critical time in our lives on the Boundary. Not only are we opening up venues and cranking up public events, but we are also about to send our kids back into the local schools. Sure, they are going in with masks, but

they are going in...unless the Delta variant causes an outbreak and forces us back into isolation.

And nobody wants that. And that is the irony of the whole situation. It is as if we are in the water drowning, and someone wants to throw us a life-preserver. Life preservers have been around for quite some time. We know what they look like, and we know what they can do. But, instead of encouraging the person on shore to get that floatation device to us as quickly as possible, we ask a myriad of questions. Has that life-preserver been inspected? Have you checked to see if it has any foreign objects in it like razor blades or is it coated with poison? (Pause to cough up water from going under once) Is the manufacturer of that life-preserver reputable? (Pause to cough up water from going under

twice) Will my enemies be able to track me down because you have inserted a homing beacon in that life-preserver? And we will question that life-preserver even though it looks just like life-preservers we have seen save thousands of lives in the past.

So, to the 60 percent of our population that has not taken the vaccine, please, seek wise counsel. Do not rely on the internet alone or your buddies who get their talking points from the internet. Talk to those in the medical profession. Seek out your family doctor. Pray about it. You wouldn't go to a car mechanic to get advice on your stock portfolio. If you have contemplated and rejected the idea of the vaccine, please, consider it again. There has been example after example of groups of "good ol' boys" who said they would never

get the shot who have had a change of heart after one of the "good ol' boys" in their group ended up on a ventilator in a hospital taking those last precious breaths. There is nothing wrong with standing for what you believe in. It is a free country; but standing has consequences: for you, for your family, and for your friends. I encourage you to count the cost of your actions.

Our doctors and our leaders have told us that COVID-19 is treatable and beatable. First, the treatment must be available. That mission is accomplished. To beat it, we must do our part. The treatment is no good if it sits on a shelf in a refrigerator. It is not about politics or propaganda. It is about living, dying, and quality of life.

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 postmarked on or before this date will be accepted
Wednesday, August 18, 2021	Absentee Ballot by Mail ends for the Referendum Election, Ballots postmarked 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.	

Tribal Council should make Harrah's smoke-free

By **LAVITA HILL**

Big Cove Community

When Tribal Council members gather on Thursday, July 29 for a work session on Ordinance No. 471, they will assemble at the smoke-free Council House. The members will likely walk over to the Council House after first going to their smoke-free offices at the Tribal Operations building. The Principal Chief and Vice Chief may leave their smoke-free offices to sit in and observe proceedings. Officials from the smoke-free Tribal Finance office may be called down to give Council members information; so might officials from the smoke-free Tribal Public Health office or the smoke-free Tribal Attorney General's office.

At least one Tribal Council member indicated he would like to invite Harrah's casino executives and TCGE members to this work session. If Harrah's casino executives attend the work session, they will leave their smoke-free suite of offices to travel to the smoke-free Council House, and TCGE members will leave their smoke-free board room to do the same. Every single person making or influencing the decision about whether to pass Ordinance No. 471, and keep our casino gaming floors smoke-free, works in a smoke-free office.

In January 2020, Tribal Council passed a series of changes to our Tribe's public health laws. In Ordinance No. 2 (2020), by a unanimous vote, Tribal Council made this addition to the Cherokee Code:

"The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians finds that secondhand smoke has been proven to cause

cancer, heart disease, and asthma attacks in both smokers and non-smokers. In 2006, a report issued by the United States Surgeon General stated that the scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke." Cherokee Code Sec. 130-3501(a).

Tribal Council followed this statement by saying, "It is the intent of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to protect the health of individuals from the risks related to secondhand smoke." Cherokee Code Sec. 130-3501(b). Tribal Council added, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians also recognizes the significant public health threats posed by the non-traditional, commercial use of tobacco." Cherokee Code Sec. 130-3500.

This law was unanimously passed by this very same Tribal Council just last year. Our elected tribal leaders publicly proclaimed that "secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease, and asthma attacks in both smokers and non-smokers." Furthermore, they acknowledged smoking poses a "significant public health threat" and that there is "no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke." Then, finally, they declared it is the intent of our Tribe to protect "the health of individuals" from "risks related to secondhand smoke."

So, here is the question: who gets the benefit of this law? Is it only for the people who get to go to work in smoke-free workplaces? Did Tribal Council intend to only protect elected officials and Finance, Public Health, and Attorney General's office employees? And casino executives and TCGE

board members?

Did Tribal Council mean to exclude the hourly security officers and gaming hosts and table games dealers and bartenders and cleaning staff? Is Tribal Council prepared to say that the health and well-being of these workers does not matter as much as the others? Are the protections of the Tribe's laws only for one group of people but not the other? Please remember hundreds of our tribal citizens work in these roles at our casinos.

Last week, the Shreveport, La. City Council voted to ban smoking in their city's casinos. In a work session, a Councilman asked a casino executive the following: Councilman Nickelson: "Do you smoke in your office at work?" Ron Bailey: "No, sir." Councilman Nickelson: "Do you let other people do that?" Ron Bailey: "No, sir." Councilman Nickelson: "Don't your workers deserve the same?" Ron Bailey: "I think our workers deserve to make a choice. I'm not a medical professional." (Shreveport LA City Council Meeting, June 22, 2021, www.ktbs.com)

Beware of any argument a well-paid casino executive makes where they want an hourly casino worker to have to choose between a healthy workplace and a job that feeds a family. Only highly paid casino executives who don't smoke in their own offices and don't allow smoking in their own offices would fail to see the hypocrisy here.

Twice a year when per cap checks come out, we see elected officials on Facebook thanking the casino employees. Instead of empty platitudes, how about a thank

you that matters? How about doing something for them to allow them to work in comfort without patrons blowing smoke in their faces? Let them look forward to going to work every day in a clean, safe, and healthy environment.

We all have family members who work at our casinos, and we all know people who go to work every day on the gaming floor. Since re-opening in May 2020, they have had a clean and smoke-free environment to go to. Let's keep it that way.

Last month, a Harrah's executive told a local paper that our revenues continue to exceed forecasts each month since reopening. We know from our per cap checks those patrons like the smoke-free environment. We know that we've attracted many new customers. The smoke-free experiment has been done. It has succeeded. Our casinos are packed to the brim with players.

Tribal Council, please assure us that you do not see two classes of tribal citizens – one class whose health and well-being matter, and who get to work in offices that are smoke-free, and another class whose health and well-being don't matter quite as much. Let's not be that Tribe. All of our laws, especially our public health laws, should apply equally to everyone. Everyone deserves this protection.

Let's be one Tribe, one EBCI. The health and well-being of all tribal members matter. As a bonus, smoke-free is proven to be very good for business. Casinos across the country are realizing this, and it's time we did too.

**AM I
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SPEAKING OF FAITH

The finish line approaches...

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Hebrews 11:32-35, 36-40 (the Faith chapter)

Not all of these believers received every part of their promise. What promise did they receive? Verse 40 is the key. "God having provided some better thing for us, that they, without us, should not be made perfect." God did this for you and for us. A whole future and with a brand-new covenant, He made us a promise, which God has kept," explained Pastor Melton.

"Understand, no man is an island unto himself. Some came ahead and got well, but there are generations still coming into the Church. Each succeeding generation will have to see this. His Glory has and now covers the Earth. Grandparents are watching, not just for a resurrection for you and for me. In watching what has happened with Jeffrey McKinney, a man coming back to life, it is easier to see how it can affect the next generations, too.

In the New Living Translation of Hebrews 11:39-40, "All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us."

"In God's Plan, the Jewish believers, those who trusted God, and the Christian believers (who were also enduring much testing), would be rewarded together. The Christian life involves hard work. It requires all believers to give up whatever endangers their relationship with God, to run with endurance, and to struggle against sin, empowered by the Holy Spirit." We will stumble if we look away from Him to stare at ourselves or at the circumstances surrounding us. We should be running for Christ, not ourselves, always following Jesus' example. (From NLT explanation.)

Emphasized Pastor Melton, "There is a promise to our church and to Cherokee, but only if we know and learn how to use His plan

and by coming to an expected end with faith, can we please God. It is one that's built line upon line, precept upon precept on just how to use the keys of the Kingdom. God is not a man that He should lie. God keeps His promises of a whole new tomorrow of a new covenant that is in you and to you and your bloodline. This is for whatever one has been called to do. God will use you and your bloodline to affect generations. As they did, so should we do, by doing what we are supposed to do every day."

"Noah was told to build an ark for himself and his family. He had never even seen rain before, creating a need for a boat, or the materials to be used or a design for such a boat. Never before and not since has there been such a flood. It was all to receive a better inheritance, for the next generation. Without Noah's obedience none would have survived, nor any of us exist."

"In Hebrews 12:1-2, we are told to run the race we are given. It is not a marathon, not a sprint, but it is a baton-handing-off race, and we are to pass it on. We have been for the last 2,000 years. Even if your leg of the race has already been raced, we must still pass it on to

the next one in line, for the race is not over yet. The race isn't over yet. The medals have not yet been handed out.

"My friend, Jeff, did not get to go through that door he saw, because God's not handing out the medals yet. Instead, he has a new heart. The Church must also finish it's race. There is a great cloud of witnesses watching, waiting!" Pastor Melton exhorted everyone.

"In the Olympics Games of 1988, the USA track and field four-man team, handing off the baton, fumbled the pass-off from third to fourth team-member. (If one drops the stick, they were disqualified.) Speaking to this generation, if you drop the stick, you are disqualified. Don't drop the stick! We are to lay aside sin, looking unto Jesus, who despised not a marathon, or a sprint, but is in a long race to pass the baton. It's already 2,000 years. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Through Noah, through you...this generation is to make it. Everyone has their own lane to run in. Throw away whatever is hindering you. The Church is to be the most Powerful entity. Shine through as chains break, blind see, deaf hear!"



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Jesus rebuked him, saying
"Hold thy peace, and come
out of him!" And when the
unclean spirit had torn him
and cried out with a loud
voice, he came out of him.*

— MARK 1: 25, 26 —



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ACROSS

- 1 Pagan belief
6 Shortly
12 Refuses to comply with
20 Bubbling over
21 Not end on schedule
22 She played Natalia Boa Vista on "CSI: Miami"
23 Warming up a 24-ounce Starbucks drink?
25 Corded phone connection
26 See 11-Down
27 Beijing-to-Taipei dir.
28 Indian-language word meaning "lower limbs?"
29 Greek dawn goddess
30 Car ad abbr.
32 Edison's middle name
34 Go quickly, old-style
35 Put clothes on a raccoon relative?
39 Margarine, old-style
41 Praise highly
45 Gossipy sort
- 46 Pea keeper
47 Shiny gray wrist bones?
50 Bagel option
52 Non-paper money
54 Defeated in a footrace
55 Countrified
58 "Right on!"
59 Echo
60 "That South Asian yogurt drink is my favorite!"
64 Strip race
66 Anger
68 Defiant type
69 Scan for typos and such
71 "Me and Bobby —" (1971 hit)
73 Off-roader, in brief
74 Counterfeit
75 Spatula on a Hawaiian porch?
77 Noontime nap
80 Ring match
82 Singer Debby
83 Words after many fiction book titles
84 Legions

DOWN

- 86 Least vicious
90 Beautiful woman in the Muslim paradise who's destitute?
92 During each
95 Actress — Grace Moretz
96 Really tiny
97 Be worthy of
98 Chariot in which the Bible's three wise men traveled?
100 Fast escape
102 1952 Winter Olympics city
104 Egg: Prefix
105 Foldable bed
106 Pool lengths completed by Hindu masters?
111 "... bug — feature?"
113 Typos and such
116 Geometric plane curve
117 Fight a ruling family of old Florence?
120 Stopped sleeping
121 Tristan's lady
122 Tendencies
123 Anonymous
124 Wood finish
125 Inner tension

DOWN

- 1 Crib outburst
2 "Except after C" lead-in
3 Roughens
4 — Field (Mets') stadium)
5 "Put — on it!"
6 The so-called "Godfather of Punk"
7 Fall mo.
8 Malted drinks
9 Potted dwarf
10 Spy's info
11 Start of an end-of-week cry that's followed by 26-Across
12 Wrap offerer
13 Sir Walter Scott hero
14 Christian music singer — Patty
15 Classic song
16 Umpire's call
17 Lake that abuts Ohio
18 Egg foo —
19 Gets the idea
24 DEA figure
28 "Barney Miller" star
29 Ben & Jerry's rival
31 "Red Book" Chinese chairman
33 Put in words

DOWN

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37 Justice Alito
38 Raiders' stats
40 Lead-in to a holiday
41 Delayed
42 Call into a court of law
43 Cornered
44 Big racket
47 Between solid and liquid
48 Filmmaker Nicolas
49 Tea holder
51 Time stretch
53 Old El — bolt installer
56 Top dog
57 Tomb raider
59 Fish lurer
59 Sirius XM medium
60 Lyric writer Gershwin
61 "We'd better skip that"
62 Apparent
63 Mexican hats
65 Broccoli — Var.
67 Perpetually, to poets
70 Be worthy of
71 1972 Summer Olympics city
72 Christmas Nativity display
74 WWII battle site
76 Unit of bricks
78 "Climb — Mountain"
79 Six, in Sicily
81 Forebodings
83 Yellowfin tuna, in Hawaii
84 Santa —
85 Wrap offerer
87 Deciding (to)
88 One-man bands, e.g.
89 Examine
91 Doe and hen
93 Vainglory
94 Construction
98 Many a Utah churchgoer
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109 Create
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119 Suffix with 31-Down or 93-Down

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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BIBLE
TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

Trivia
test by Fifi
Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Lazarus in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. What happened to Jeroboam's hand on confronting the man of God at the altar? *Fell off, Turned to salt, Became a viper, Dried up*
3. The children making fun of Elisha's bald head were torn apart by? *2 bears, 3 lions, 7 serpents, Locust swarm*
4. From Acts 13, who was called "A man after mine own heart"? *Gideon, David, Matthew, James*
5. In John 19, who said, "What I have written, I have written"? *Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate, Jesus*
6. From Genesis 1:20, on what day did God create the birds? *1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th*

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. LITERATURE: In which novel did the character Sherlock Holmes first appear?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Area 51 located in the United States?
3. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light from the sun to reach Earth?
4. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor and comedian's original name was Joseph Levitch?
5. GAMES: What is the sum of all numbers on a roulette wheel?
6. AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised with the slogan "Let your fingers do the walking ..."?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What grain is used to make sake?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state has used the slogan "Heart of Dixie" on its license plates?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek god of time?
10. GAMES: How many players are on each side in a polo game?

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

CHURCH EVENTS

Revival. Aug. 2-7 at 7 p.m. nightly at Smokemont Baptist Church. Homecoming will be held at the Church on Aug. 8 beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

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

EBCI Board of Elections Voter Registration Drive. July 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Birdtown Community Building. Everyone is welcome to register to vote or do a community change. In order to vote in September's General Election, you must be registered by July 30. To vote in the referendum election, you must be registered by Aug. 3.

EBCI Local Food Business Support Meeting. July 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Learn about the grant-funded support available for your food business. Services include marketing, strategic development, and equipment grants. Guest speaker will be owners of WarCry Pepper Hot Sauce Co. Send questions, RSVPs, and dietary needs to jessmug@ebci-nsn.gov or (860) 559-8383

Gourd Gathering at Cherokee. July 28 – Aug. 1 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. No admission charge. Five days of fun, shopping, and learning with nearly 80 classes. Info: www.gourdgathering.com

Unveiling of Snowbird Cherokee Matriarchs Mural. July 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 128 N. Main Street in Robbinsville. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A shuttle will be available to and from the Big Oaks Stadium parking lot. Visit the open-air market with local Cherokee arts and crafts vendors from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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 Walk-

ingstick 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. Training 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

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

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Dried up; 3) 2 bears; 4) David; 5) Pilate; 6) 5th



Answers

1. "A Study in Scarlet"
2. Nevada
3. About 8 minutes, 20 seconds
4. Jerry Lewis
5. 666
6. Yellow Pages
7. Rice
8. Alabama
9. Chronos
10. Four

with Brad Wagnon, Cherokee 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.**

Good Housekeeping

Pork Tenderloin With Peach Glaze

Pork tenderloin is as lean as skinless chicken breast, with only 3 grams of fat and 120 calories per 3-ounce serving. Grill with fresh peaches to add health-boosting fiber, carbs and vitamins A and C.

- 1 lime
- 1/2 cup peach preserves
- 1 (1¼ pounds) pork tenderloin
- 2 bunches green onions
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 medium peaches, each cut in half and pitted

1. Prepare outdoor grill for cooking over medium heat. From lime, grate 1 teaspoon zest and squeeze 1 tablespoon juice.

2. Make Peach Glaze: In medium bowl, stir preserves, lime peel and juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper until blended. Spoon 1/4 cup glaze into small bowl.

3. Cut pork tenderloin crosswise in half, then cut each piece lengthwise in half. Place pork on hot grill rack; cover and cook 5 minutes. Turn pork over; brush with glaze from medium bowl. Cover and cook 5 to 6 minutes longer or until pork is browned on the outside and still slightly pink on the inside, brushing several times with remaining glaze. Transfer pork to cutting board.

4. Meanwhile, toss green onions with oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper. Place green onions and peaches, cut-sides down, on same grill rack; cook 3 minutes, turning green onions over once. Transfer onions to platter. Turn peaches over and brush with glaze from small bowl; cook 3 minutes longer or until browned and tender. Transfer to platter with green onions.

5. Slice pork and serve with peaches and green onions. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 330 calories, 5g total fat (2g saturated), 78mg cholesterol, 515mg sodium, 43g total carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 32g protein.

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Grieving Cats Unite After Losing Brothers

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I wanted to share a tale of two cats. One is "Bean," a chocolate Burmese. Bean had a brother, "Coco." I purchased the two of them when they were kittens. Sadly, Coco passed away at age 3 from cancer. Bean grieved for a very long time.

A few months ago, I met someone in an online group who also had two Burmese cats, and one of them passed away. The surviving cat, "Storm," was inconsolable. Like Bean, she roamed her house day and night, meowing for her brother to reappear.

Storm's owner had health issues and was looking to place her in a new home. I had a feeling that together we could help both of these grieving cats. But cats, especially adult cats, often do not get along — especially when one is introduced into the other's home. However, both cats were fixed, which helps reduce territorialism and aggression, among other problems. We both agreed to a two-week trial; if the cats were too stressed out or fought, then it was a no-go.

Fortunately, after a cautious sniffing-out period during their introduction, Bean and Storm snuggled right up together. They have been buddies ever since. Neither of them goes meowing around at night. Bean and Storm are a new family, and they couldn't be happier. Thought I would share! — Dana A., via email

DEAR DANA: Thank you for a heart-warming story! You did the right thing by setting up a trial period, because cats that don't like each other may escalate aggression with each encounter, and the trauma is bad for both. But it sounds like Bean and Storm have settled in nicely. Congratulations!

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

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FOR SALE

Olive green couch \$50, ride on electric kids toy : 508-1871

Four water pumps able to move large amount of water \$100 for all four : 828-506-1329

Buck Eye Wood Stove \$150, lawn cart, park bench : 421-0946

Farm tools, tobacco baskets, hunting & fishing items : 352-263-9202

1990 Ford XLT V6 Truck, 103,000 Miles \$3,000, window sashes, hand-icap van : 371-8262

Three bar stool chairs, 5' boxblade saw, 2 1/2 horsepower garage door openers : 342-8987

Steele Weed Eater \$85 : 341-5009



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes-headstrong Aries. Instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red. But talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that change your earlier focus.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with that special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Be sure to make time for family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed. But some demands for changes could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: That workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge your love of fun and games.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scorpion. But it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your generous heart, and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem re-emerges with new complications. Move cautiously in order to avoid falling into hidden traps.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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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.

(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- **Custodial Manager** - Required education includes a minimum of Associate Degree including 5 years previous experience managing or supervising custodial team. Skills in the use of computer software, such as Microsoft Office.
- **High School Science Teacher** - A valid North Carolina teaching certificate in the appropriate area of hire, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable.
- **Groundskeeper** - Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous carpentry experience preferred.
- **Auto Mechanics Teacher** - North Carolina State Certification as a CTE Auto Mechanics Teacher or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable. Bachelors from an accredited college or university in education discipline applicable to teaching assignment.
- **Elementary Teacher Assistant** - Must meet the provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Teacher assistants serving in Title I schools, in an instructional capacity, must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education.
- **Special Education Teacher** - North Carolina State Certification as a Special Education Teacher or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable. Bachelors from an accredited college or university in education discipline applicable to teaching assignment.
- **Student Success Advocate (Special Education)** - Minimum Qualifications: BS/BA Degree in Special Education; hold a current Teaching License; at least five years in the classroom; experience working with at-risk students; knowledge of IDEA, NC, DPI, BIE and federal guidelines regarding students with disabilities; strong commitment to supporting students and staff by creating a safe learning environment; strong organizational skills; strong oral and written communication skills
- **Integrated Classroom Teacher Assistant** - Must meet the provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Teacher assistants serving in Title I schools, in an instructional capacity, must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education.
- **Varsity Men's Basketball Assistant Coach (Multiple)**
- **Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach**
- **Varsity Football Assistant Coach (Multiple)**
- **JV Football Assistant Coach**
- **Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach**
- **Middle School Baseball Head Coach**
- **Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach**
- **Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach**
- **Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach**



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, August 01, 2021

1. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
2. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. FT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
5. Systems Administrator – Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
6. Human Services Director – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L18 \$89,580 - \$111,970)

All applications and job descriptions are available at www.ebci.com/jobs

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



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
Service Department
Seasonal Mowing Crew
Laborers

Agelink Childcare
FT – Teacher's Aide
FT – Lead Teacher
FT – Custodian

Bus & Truck Department
PT School Bus Drivers
Children's Home
PT Resident Counselors

Snowbird Childcare
Full Time Teacher Assistant (2)
Lead Teacher
FT Teacher Assistants (2)
FT Cook

Administrative Department
Finance Director

Agelink Childcare
FT Receptionist/Office Manager
Open 5/28/21, Closes 6/11/21

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute
Cherokee Youth Council
Leadership Specialist
Opens – 6/2/21, Closes – 6/16/21
Submit resume, cover letter with application



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, July 29, 2021

PTI Inpatient Technician – Analenisgi Inpatient
Pediatrician – Primary Care
EVS Technician

Open Until Filled

Administrative Assistant - Finance/HR
Billing Technician II
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care
Certified Nursing Assistant – Emergency Room
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (x2)
Dental Assistant II (x2)
Dietary Services Supervisor
EVS Technician
Food Service Worker
Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi (Hiring Bonus)
Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist – Analenisgi Inpatient
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
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

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.)

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org
If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at
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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 appli-
cations or call WT/Owle Admin.
Cindi Standingdeer @ (828)736-
8700 for an appointment for job
interview. **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 corpo-
rations 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

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

EBCI PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY SAFETY PROGRAM Request for Proposals

The Family Safety Program
seeks competitive proposals for an
Elder Services Peer Navigator on a
contractual basis. This position
would work with the Family Safety
Program and involves listening to
the needs of elders and providing
them with information about tribal
and area elder services and other
available options for assistance
in our area. This position also,
involves educating elders on the
signs of elder abuse and neglect
and the Cherokee Code provisions
pertaining to elder abuse and
neglect.

The deadline for proposal is
Friday, July 30, 2021. The posi-
tion would start in mid-August
2021. This contractual position
pays \$15.00 per hour for 15 hours
weekly.

For more information, and to
receive the full RFP document,
please email a letter of interest to
sharfous@nc-chokeee.com. **7/28**

Request for Proposals

Heart to Heart Child Advo-
cacy 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 writ-
ing 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 writ-
ten 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 require-
ments available upon request. For
additional information regarding
this RFP, more extensive informa-

tion 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

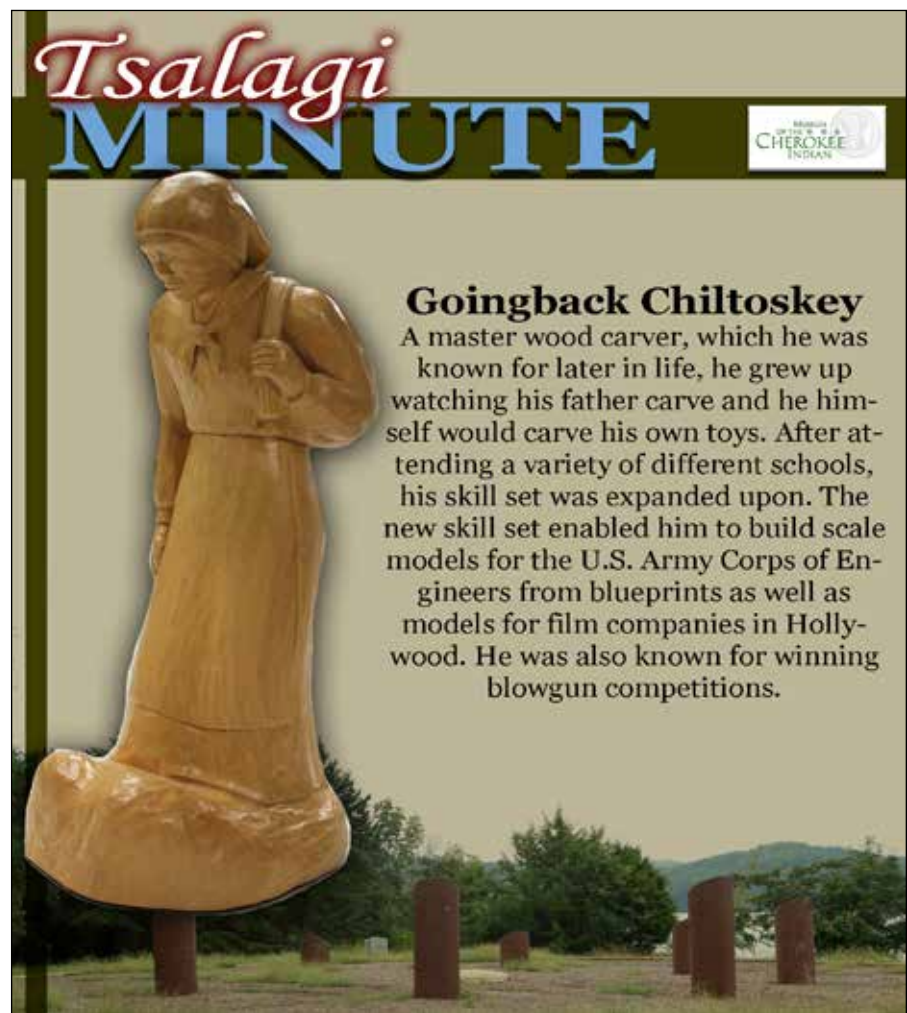
Email: brancoop@nc-chokeee.com

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 Ser-
vices: Parking, Lighting, Utilities
and Site Civil

The EBCI is requesting pro-
posals 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 com-

plete 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**



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

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

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

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

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

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

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