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“They gave their all”

Cherokee honors
fallen heroes on
Memorial Day

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

The sun shone brightly on the marble stones, bronze plaques, and flags at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Monday, May 30 as the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 hosted its annual Memorial Day observance ceremony.

“Some non-veterans don’t really know or appreciate what this day means to most of us,” Post 143 Commander Lew Harding, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and Vietnam War veteran, said during his

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Phyllis Shell, left, a U.S. Army veteran, rings a bell as her husband, Perry Shell, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), U.S. Army veteran, and former Big Cove Council Representative, reads a list of names of EBCI tribal members who were killed in action in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The ringing of the bell ceremony was part of a Memorial Day observance hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Monday, May 30. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Weasel Arch, left, and Warren Dupree, Post 143 members, fold a U.S. flag following a wreath laying ceremony.

MEMORIAL: Post 143 Memorial Day observance event, from front page

opening remarks. "Judging from what Memorial Day is portrayed in the media, you might say they think of it as another day, a shopping day, a day for the beach, a day for the river, a day for the lake. I don't know about you, but contrary to what most of us believe, this is not a day to honor suckers and losers. This is a day to honor heroes and patriots."

During his speech, Commander Harding recognized Reuben Taylor, an EBCI tribal elder and decorated World War II veteran, who he called "a tribal hero, a national hero" and "my personal hero".

Commander Harding went on to speak of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving their country. "They gave their all. They gave the future of their family, their children, their entire destiny and they lay to rest 300,000 in Arlington and over 200,000 in Normandy. Those of you who know friends and neighbors who are lounging around the lakes and the rivers and the beach

indulging in unappreciative comfort, let me say that pretending to mourn the loss of those who have given so much to honor you, you will never have that privilege. The rest of us stand because we are here today to help attend to the families of the fallen. We love you, we honor you, we are sorry for your pain which will never mitigate and happened for some of you so long ago but it only seems like yesterday."

He concluded with, "May we never, ever forget."

Perry Shell, an EBCI tribal elder, U.S. Army veteran, and former Big Cove Representative, spoke and noted, "I don't know if there are words to describe how special this occasion is where we remember those who were willing to give their all and who gave their all and are buried here on this reservation and across this country."

Shell added, "Here on the Reservation, we have our people that gave all. They represent a history of sacrifice and a history of service to our people and this country. Even though this isn't all Cherokee land, this is still our land and



“They gave their all. They gave the future of their family, their children, their entire destiny...”

- Lew Harding, Post 143 Commander

we still fight for it and we still love it. We're proud and we're happy to have the freedoms that we enjoy. That's why we're willing to stand up for it today.”

Later in the ceremony, Shell read a list of names of EBCI tribal members killed in action while his wife, Phyllis Shell, a U.S. Army veteran, rang a bell in their honor.

The list includes:

World War I: Steve Youngdeer (U.S. Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (U.S. Army)

World War II: Boyd Catt (U.S. Army), Jacob Cornsilk (U.S. Army), Adam West Driver (U.S. Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Samuel William Otter (U.S. Navy), Blaine Queen (U.S. Army), Mark Rattler (U.S. Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (U.S. Army), Joshua Shell (U.S. Army), Sheridan Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (U.S. Army), William Taylor (U.S. Navy), Enos Thompson (U.S. Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (U.S. Army), Robert Austin Wahneeta (U.S. Marine Corps)
Korea: Charles Arch (U.S. Marine Corps), Charles George (U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient)
Vietnam: John Burgess (U.S. Army), John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army)

The ceremony concluded with a wreath laying by Ernie Panther, Maj. Vaughn Benner, and Warren Dupree followed by the Post 143 Honor Guard rendering a rifle salute to the fallen.



The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Honor Guard renders a salute



Cherokee Indian Fair now to be held at casino convention center

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

After deciding several weeks ago that the 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair would be held on the grounds of the old Cherokee Elementary School due to safety issues at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, tribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have had to switch venues again. The bulk of the Fair will now be held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center, known as The Cherokee, with some events such as stickball being held at the Unity Field.

"As I have previously stated, the location change for the Cherokee Indian Fair has been unexpected but necessary and comes with the exciting news that the current Fairgrounds will undergo much needed and long overdue updates and renovations," Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed told the One Feather. "I am grateful to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort for their willingness to accommodate an annual celebration that is near and dear to our community."

He added, "The Fair will look different this year, but it is my hope that we all keep perspective, and stay positive, holding onto the

knowledge that the renovations being made will ensure that our community and generations to come will have a wonderful venue to visit and enjoy."

Mike Parker, EBCI Destination Marketing manager, told the One Feather during a recent meeting at The Cherokee Exhibition Hall, "So, we have probably close to three months now, maybe less, before the Fair will be. It's a viable solution. We don't have to worry about the weather inside here. I think we can make it work. We've got a whole group of people here, I think, that are heading that direction. We have a lot of talented

folks and I think everybody wants to make it happen."

No official plans are made as of this printing as to the layout and configuration of this year's Fair, but preliminary plans discussed during the meeting include having the exhibits and community booths set up in the 32,000 square foot Exhibition Hall in The Cherokee. A stage would also be set up in that Hall for some events. The carnival is preliminarily set to go in the parking lot adjacent to The Cherokee with another "headliner" stage being set up at the far end of that lot. It was discussed that food booths could be set up along the

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streetside of the parking lot next to the river.

Denise Ballard, Cherokee Indian Fair Committee, encouraged everyone to remain positive. "People keep throwing us roadblocks, 'Oh we can't do it here. We need outside space. We need this, we need that.' We've got to change our way of thinking and accept that if we want a Fair, we can make a great Fair. We have more room than we've had. Don't be a naysayer, figure it out."

Tammy Jackson, Cherokee Indian Fair Committee, spoke to some of the challenges associated with having the Fair at the casino. "The challenge that I'm facing right now is that I don't know how much community participation I'll get from the Christian community because they won't come here (casino). So, I may have booths that

are not set up for the community clubs; they may not enter things because they won't come to the property. That's going to be the challenge."

She went on to say, "I think we can make this work. We don't have any other choice so we can make it work the best we can."

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds are not safe for this year's Fair according to a report from Phoenix Engineering and Consulting, Inc. which states there is a five-inch crack in one of the vertical legs of the canopy over the amphitheater at the Fairgrounds.

Travis Sneed, EBCI Project Management director of support services, told the One Feather previously, "What we're seeing is the first stage of a structural failure. The engineering firm and EBCI Risk Management have

determined that it is unsafe to be under it (canopy) from this point on...a high wind event could come through and cause considerable damage or cause it to fail. So, at this point, we don't want anyone to be underneath it."

Chris Greene, EBCI Project Management manager, noted, "If this fails, there's no telling where these cables could go."

Sneed said that having the Fair at the old elementary school site ended up being too costly. He noted it would have cost the EBCI between \$4-5 million for all of the required site work and infrastructure. Parker related that there will be a cost associated with having the Fair at the casino, but that amount is not yet known exactly but will be less than the work required at the elementary school site.



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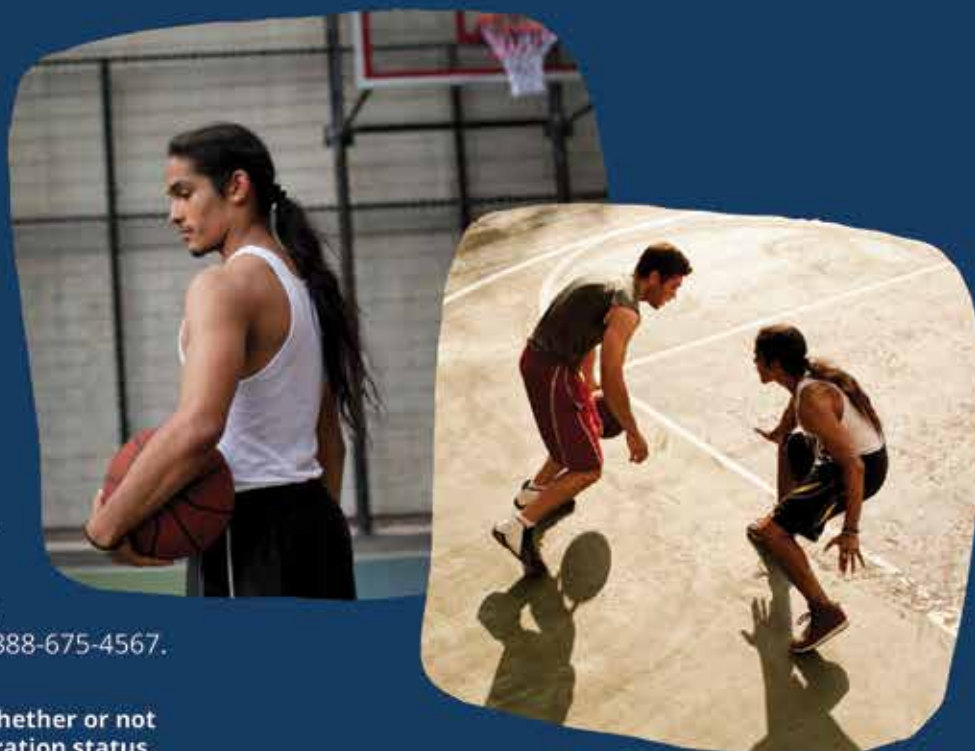
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Jacob Cornsilk building opens officially

JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos

The Jacob Cornsilk Building opened officially in the Snowbird Community on the afternoon of Friday, June 3. Dan Rattler, second from left, cuts the ribbon with Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown as other tribal officials look on. Shown, left to right, are Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Rattler, Rep. Brown, unknown, Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Woltown Rep. Bo Crowe, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, and Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke.



Rattler is shown in front of a plaque dedicated to Jacob Cornsilk.



Bo Taylor leads the Cherokee Friendship Dance.



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Southerland sentenced in 2017 shooting death of WCU student

The second defendant involved in the Oct. 6, 2017, shooting death of a Western Carolina University student pleaded guilty Friday, May 27.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Charlotte resident Zavion Southerland, 21, admitted to:

- Second-degree murder.
- Second-degree kidnapping.
- Robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- Possess firearm by felon.

Superior Court Judge Marvin Pope sentenced Southerland for second-degree murder to the N.C. Division of Adult Corrections for an active minimum term of 276 months to a maximum term of 344 months.

For the purpose of sentencing, Pope consolidated the remaining charges into a single charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon, imposing a consecutive prison penalty of 59 months minimum to 83 months maximum.

Southerland and co-defendant Aja Makalo, 24, also of Charlotte, fatally shot Jacob Ray, a 2014 West Henderson High graduate from Hendersonville, after arranging to buy marijuana from him.

Ray was a 21-year-old junior at WCU majoring in computer information systems. He died at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Makalo was a WCU student majoring in psychology; Southerland had no association with the university. Makalo pleaded guilty in 2019 to second-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery. She was sentenced to serve up to 25 years

in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Matheson prosecuted the case. WCU police investigated with assistance from State Bureau of Investigation agents.

- Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch release

CIPD Arrest Report for May 22-29

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.

Catt, Mattie Jean – age 38
Arrested: May 22
Released: May 23
Charges: Public Intoxication

Chekelelee, Jessica Leigh – age 32
Arrested: May 22
Released: May 23
Charges: Domestic Violence

Keel, Amber Dawn – age 32
Arrested: May 23
Released: Not released as of report date (May 31)
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Failure to Appear

Walker, Noahndria Lorayne – age 27
Arrested: May 23
Released: May 23
Charges: Warrant for Assault

Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 44
Arrested: May 25
Released: May 25
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Waldroup, Calvin Daniel – age 33
Arrested: May 25
Released: Not released as of report date (May 31)
Charges: Probation Violation

Bird, Sydney Audena – age 22
Arrested: May 26
Released: May 27
Charges: Failure to Appear

Littlejohn, Justice Lee – age 27
Arrested: May 26
Released: Not released as of report date (May 31)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Wildcat, Edison – age 57
Arrested: May 26
Released: May 29
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Domestic Violence,

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Little People as told by Beloved Man

"South of Big Cove, we call the lower end of Big Cove 'Stoney Mountain.' Stoney Mountain was known for little people-the Cherokee dwarfs. They had been seen by many different people passing, walking by. They would spot one of those, or a group of them.

And my dad said one time he and his friend had come down to Stoney. They spotted two little people in the rhododendron thicket over across the river from where they were standing. And one of them said, 'Look over there.' And they saw those colorful two little dwarfs basking in the sun on some rhododendron bushes.

There were seven clans of the little people, my dad used to say. One clan lives in the rhododendron thicket. And one of the clans lives in the rock cliffs. And one clan lives in the bottoms-in the meadows. And one clan lives along the rivers. And then one clan lives on the ridges of the mountains. Not all the ridges of the mountains, just in certain areas. And one clan lives in the valleys. And I believe there might be a tribe that lives just around the cemeteries, just roams around that area."

- Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe (1924-2018)

Source: Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook
Photo: Cherokee One Feather

Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Bryant, Dason Drel – age 18
Arrested: May 27
Released: May 27
Charges: DWI, Under 21 with Alcohol in Body While Driving

Wolfe, Marvin Andrew – age 55
Arrested: May 27
Released: May 27
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Burgess, George Eugene – age 40
Arrested: May 28
Released: May 29
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Troutman, Jason Gary – age 46
Arrested: May 28
Released: May 28
Charges: Domestic Violence

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WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Hatchery supported stocking various times through summer	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Rubber Legs, Prince Nymphs, Hares Ear, Chubby Chernobyl, Midges, Soft Hackles
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	No stocking	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Rubber legs, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Midges, Soft Hackles
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery supported stocking various times through summer	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Yellow Caddis, Yellow Sallies, Parachute Hares Ear, Purple Haze, Griffiths Gnat, Soft Hackles, Big Bone Caddis

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Commander Harding honored for 25 years of service

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

Lewis H. Harding, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has served his country, his Tribe, and his community with honor, dignity, and unwavering enthusiasm for decades. He was recognized for his 25 years of service as the commander of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 during an event in his honor at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center on the morning of Wednesday, June 1.

Commander Harding thanked everyone in attendance and commented, "The only thing I can say is the honor was mine. I'm very, very grateful for this acknowledgment and deeply appreciative of this amazing organization that I've had the privilege of working with, being with, and serving with for 25 years."

Commander Harding served in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator and received the following awards and decorations: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals (10, eight of which were for flying a total of 80 combat missions during the Vietnam War), Navy Commendation Medal with combat valor "V" device, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Naval Reserve Medal, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

"It's such an honor for Cherokee to be so well-represented by a commander who has achieved and accomplished so much," said Patsy Everhart Ledford, Post 143 Auxiliary president. "An integral part of the American Legion family for



Lewis H. Harding, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, is shown during the Memorial Day observance at the Cherokee Veterans Park on Monday, May 30. He was honored for his 25 years of service as the commander during an event at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center on Wednesday, June 1. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

25 years of service...Commander Harding, we are here to honor you and to show our respect to you. Thank you so very much."

She added, "Commander Harding, in appreciation of your years of service to the community, to the EBCI, and to the veterans of our area and statewide, wherever, and more importantly, for your service to our country, we sincerely appreciate you."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, commented, "It is fitting that we are gathered here today to offer honor, respect, and gratitude to a true American hero, a true Cherokee warrior, and, without a doubt, the clearest example of a leader that I have come to know during my tenure as Principal Chief."

Chief Sneed spoke about the need for strong values to be brought back to the Tribe and country. "These values are exemplified and personified in the man that we gather today to honor and to pay tribute to. Today, I stand before you to bring attention and honor to the lifelong accomplishments of a man that I call commander and friend."

Sam Lambert, Post 143, said, "Through the years, he has led this post in a positive way, very positive, and I'm looking forward to him leading it another two decades."

Jim Quinlan, American Legion North Carolina Department commander, was in attendance and said that 25 years as commander was quite an accomplishment.

"It's such an honor for Cherokee to be so well-represented by a commander who has achieved and accomplished so much."

- American Legion Post 143 Auxiliary President Patsy Everhart Ledford



As Post 143 Auxiliary President Patsy Ledford looks on, Commander Harding, right, is presented with a special quilt and plaque by Carol Long of the Post 143 Auxiliary.

"Your wisdom as a leader has been reflected in this post for many, many years. For you to be elected a post commander for 25 years is just amazing."

"Being the Post Commander is not an easy task. Sometimes you have to be a babysitter. Sometimes you have to be a referee. Sometimes you have to be a legal officer. Sometimes you just have to be the cheerleader and enthusiast. What you have accomplished here with this particular post really is outstanding. The reputation of Post 143 goes beyond this county, goes beyond this state. So, you have done an outstanding job."



Commander Harding addresses the crowd during the event.

These walls can talk

Jared Wheatley, Cherokee Nation citizen, provides a canvas in Asheville

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Staff

ASHEVILLE – There are quite a few walls in Asheville.

They stand amongst the tallest in western North Carolina and help form the many businesses of a seemingly ever-growing city. Asheville has also had quite a few social walls that have become more visible each year.

Jared Wheatley, an Asheville business owner and self-described ‘Urban Indian’, looks to address these walls. He is encouraging indigenous artists and activists to reach out to him to join the initiative he has dubbed the Indigenous Walls Project.

“For me, it’s really simple. How do we get people to expand their minds and think about the ancestral land they’re standing on? Not me, but how do we get them to focus on the land. Because the end-all-be-all is land back. That’s the whole point of the movement. Land back to every nation,” said Wheatley.

“We’ve got 25,000 square feet of walls committed to us. There are enough walls for every person to come to Asheville. Every nation to come to Asheville and find space. I’ll make that commitment to anyone. If they want a voice, I’ll give them an opportunity to put it out there and amplify it in a public



Jared Wheatley, a Cherokee Nation citizen, stands in front of one of the walls in Asheville that he has painted in connection with his Indigenous Walls Project. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

domain where we can encourage people to have the conversation. That’s what I’m here for. That’s my message.”

Wheatley has not always had the stage to discuss his heritage. On the contrary, some of his family members have shunned their links to the Cherokee Nation, of which Wheatley is a citizen. He was raised in a small town named Independence, Mo. and rarely had opportunities to learn about Cherokee.

“My grandfather, who grew up in Indian Country, died when I was pretty young. Around 7 or 8 years old, he died. When he passed, in our family our native heritage we didn’t want to speak about much because he lived a relatively troubled life. Struggled

with alcoholism. Was kind of on-again-off-again involved in our family,” said Wheatley.

“My family’s relationship with our native heritage had always been a little bit strained because the connection we had with the Nation through my grandfather was very complex.”

He said that it wasn’t until about five years ago that this started to change for himself. He started reading his family history. The stories he was digging through were compiled by his great uncle in the 1990s.

“He took some years, actually, and wrote our history. From prior to even the Trail of Tears. At that point, he distributed it to our family. But our family once again not being what I would call educated -

struggles to read, struggles to write - a lot of our family didn’t even read what he had put together. So, it sat dormant for decades.”

These papers helped center Wheatley. He felt that he finally understood more about his grandfather. How he suffered through boarding school. Wheatley read the stories that formed his heritage dating back to the Removal. Now, he just wants to make those ancestors proud.

“Whether or not I will make my grandpa happy. That’s what I spend my time thinking about. Because I don’t have a deep connection with the Nation. With any nation.”

Wheatley was the first of his family to go into higher education, earning degrees from Asheville-

Buncombe Technical Community College and Western Carolina University.

Wheatley moved to Asheville in 2009 following four years of service in the United States Air Force. He enlisted directly after high school and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska.

“I had met a young lady who I liked quite a bit. There’s a love story involved, and she had always wanted to live in Asheville. Well, two weeks after we moved to Asheville, we found out we were pregnant with our first child.”

Wheatley had two children, Alexis and Ezekiel. Though the relationship with their mother did not work long term, he stayed in Asheville. After getting a bachelor’s degree in construction management and a master’s degree in economic development, he began to make a name for himself in town. He was the project manager for the New Belgium Brewery in Asheville, which was a \$52 million project. He said that’s what many people began to know him for.

Wheatley continued to develop his connections and gain footing, eventually to the point where he was able to start his own businesses in 2017. Now, he owns WTAPS Construction and the clothing line Épatage Workwear. He also has a podcast called The Outsiders Podcast and stays busy in other fields. This is all to go along with the Indigenous Walls Project.

“I’m keenly aware of how privileged I am. Most of these walls we’re getting are from people that I’ve done a pretty significant amount of business with. I used the capitalist system to amplify the voices.”

He said this stage is something that is very new for him and that he is still learning how to use it.

“It’s been great to all of a



sudden have a voice as an Indian. It’s never happened before in my whole life until the last month. So, I’m growing into that voice as the conversation moves forward. Being provided a platform, what I most want people to know is that I have an isolated experience. That indigenous people are as diverse as humanity itself ... because of that, I can’t represent everyone. I can only represent myself and my experiences.”

Wheatley makes it clear that he does not see himself as an artist. He wanted to keep his design manageable and direct. He says that the project is not about him, and he only produced his own messages because he felt he had to.

“When I started the project and started looking for artists, the first thing that I met was resistance from artists. They were concerned that maybe I was trying to take advantage of them in some way. They didn’t know necessarily my culture and my heritage. They needed more from me.”

He said he hopes to build this platform for everyone else and to help shift the day-to-day conversation in Asheville. He wants to make being Indian something to be proud of for his kids and future generations.

“The fight that I had to do to

learn about the culture, I don’t want my kids to ever have to think about. It doesn’t make me feel good that the only place you can go see the Cherokee syllabary in a public domain in Asheville are the walls that I painted. That doesn’t make me feel good. That makes me hurt.”

Wheatley and his oldest child, Alexis, have started the process of learning more about the Cherokee language and culture. He admitted that with his schedule and ability, he will only do his best to learn the language but doesn’t have high hopes for fluency. He is very confident in Alexis, who is 12 years old, stating that he believes they could be fluent if they put their mind to it. He also hopes to continue to study and become involved in the community he never had when he was a kid.

“I’ll be going back to Tahlequah at least annually now. To meet with my great uncle while he’s alive and to meet his community. And to meet the folks within the reservation he maintains connection with. To start building a bridge back west from here.”

Wheatley is hopeful that there are artists and leaders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) that step up to the challenge. He hasn’t had any takers at this time.

“It’s really important to me that the Eastern Band, to whatever degree they feel comfortable, begins to engage the city of Asheville. To me, the city of Asheville could become an epicenter of this conversation. The Eastern Band is particularly poised to lead that conversation. They have every right, and they should lead this conversation. I would like to see myself completely recede from the conversation and have the right voices from the Tribes from their land, speaking directly to the city and the county.”

He made a call to all EBCI members: If you’re interested in working on the project and having access to a wall in Asheville, reach out to him directly. You call/text at 828-337-7632 or email him at jared@indigenouswallsproject.com. You can also leave input on the website, www.indigenouswallsproject.com.

“What’s essential is that any indigenous artist is welcome on the walls. They can contact me directly. We need more Eastern Band representation. That’s very important to me. We intend to have six nations by the end of the summer represented. It would be a shame if the Eastern Band is not one of them.”

The Gourd Gathering holds 20th event in Cherokee

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

Gourds and gourd artists filled the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on June 1-5 as The Gourd Gathering held its 20th event on the Qualla Boundary. What started as a group on Yahoo years ago has blossomed into an event that draws hundreds of gourd artists and enthusiasts from around the southeast and beyond.

“It’s just a fun event,” said Jayne Wright, The Gourd Gathering’s volunteer coordinator, who comes to the event from Maryland each year. “Everybody loves coming to Cherokee... hardly anybody goes to the casino. Everybody is here downtown supporting the small businesses, and we all stay very locally.”

She said this year’s event featured over 90 classes on various gourd art techniques, 30 vendors, and several competitions and silent auctions.

“Wednesday morning, we had a birdhouse class for local kids. We had about 25 kids come and do it and this is the first year we’ve done that. So, that was fun.”

Wright, who has been doing gourd art for over a decade herself, commented, “You can do so many different things. Some people weave on gourds. They carve gourds, they wood burn, cut and put it back together again, all kinds of inks and dyes...you can see all types of different possibilities that people do. You can do almost anything with it, and they can last thousands of years if you don’t drop them and break them.”

She said it is fun to just get together each year. “We’re religious about going to Peter’s Pancakes every morning. Everybody has their restaurants that they have gone to for 10 or 15 years that they have to go back to each year. It’s really a community...we’ve got somebody from Arizona, as far as Pennsylvania, a lot of Florida people, and mostly southeast.”

Cara Bevan, a gourd artist from Trinity, noted, “I’ve been doing gourd art, specifically, for about 16 years. I started out as a portrait painter with acrylics. My grandmother used to attend the Cherokee Gourd Gathering and gatherings from Florida all the way to Penn-



Betsy Murphy, from Maryland, works on a gourd art project on the afternoon of Friday, June 3 during one of the numerous classes held at The Gourd Gathering at Cherokee event at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

sylvania and Ohio. She’s the one that introduced me to gourds in 2007. She gave me my very first gourd and some paper clay and said, ‘Here! Do something with it!’ My first sculpture was a turtle and it snowballed from there and I started learning about gourds.”

She loves working with gourds as her artistic medium. “It’s multi-faceted. It’s hollow, it’s lightweight and the hollow really helps because if I need to add legs to an animal, I can drill a hole in it, put a wire in it, secure it with clay,

and there you go - a critter with legs!”

Bevan added, “You can cut them, carve them, paint on them; they take paint well so they’re incredibly versatile. And, because they all grow unique, each one is going to be different. I just love the variety of them.”

Next year’s event is scheduled for May 31 to June 4, 2023 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

For more information on The Gourd Gathering, visit: <https://gourdgathering.org>

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Right Path Adult Leadership Program call for nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2022-23 program. This program is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture and develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Nomination forms can be found at RIGHT PATH MEMBERSHIP

FORM – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org) or by contacting Tara McCoy 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., June 29 to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719. Must be postmarked on or before June 29, 2022.

- Email: tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com

- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at Cherokee Boys Club at 171 Boys Club Loop on Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (two-story building behind Cherokee Boys Club)

*It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure receipt of his/her nomination form(s) on or before the deadline. Nominations are not a guarantee of acceptance into the program. *

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist, 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com

- Right Path Adult Leadership Program

Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation to host first-ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation will host the first ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at Truist Park on July 16-17. The top 50 high school baseball players of Native American descent from around the country will participate in a pro-style workout on Saturday, July 16 and a showcase game on Sunday, July 17.

The Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will highlight Native American high school baseball players who aspire to play the game at the next level. Scouts from the Atlanta Braves, University of Tennessee, Georgia State University, Savannah State University, South Georgia State College, Mercer University, and Emory University will be in attendance.

“We greatly value our long-standing partnerships in the Native American community and are constantly looking for new and impactful ways to support them,” said Derek Schiller, Atlanta Braves

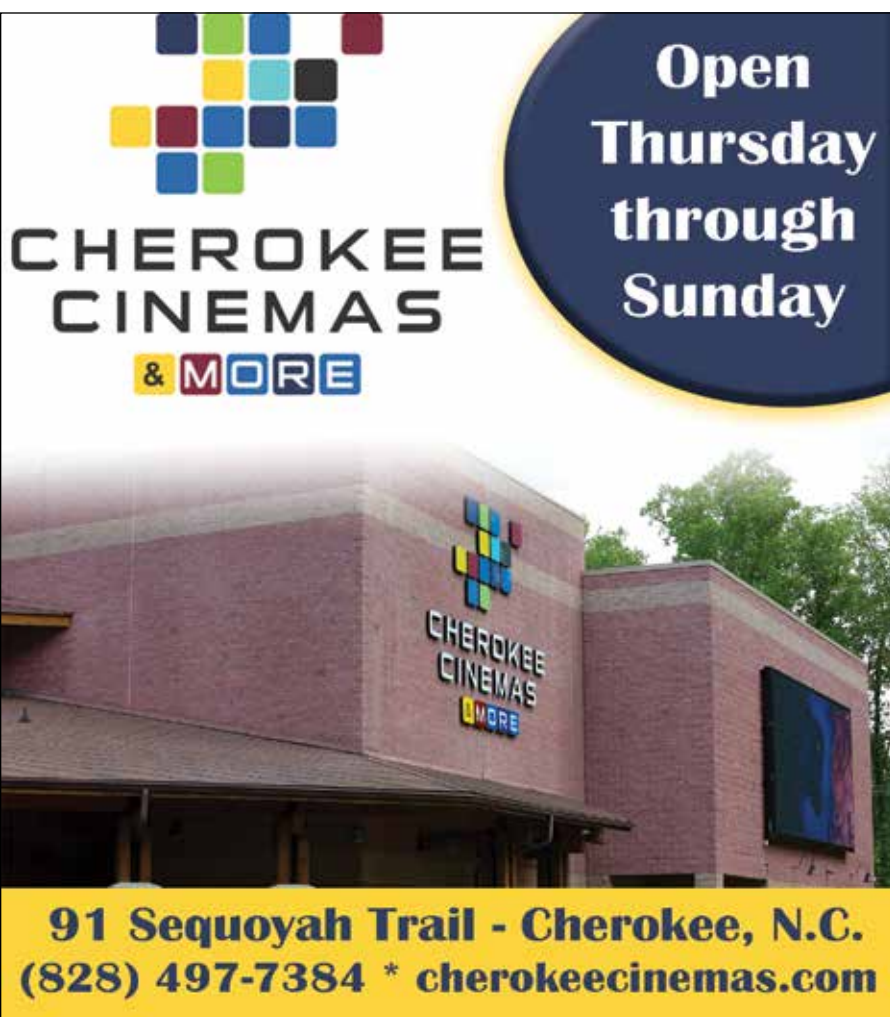
president and chief executive officer. “This first Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will help create access and exposure for Native American student athletes as they work to build their baseball careers in college and Major League Baseball. We are looking forward to welcoming these tremendous athletes and providing not only the Major League setting, but also the tools and support they need to succeed.”

There will be two teams for the showcase game on Sunday, each with a 25-man roster. Each roster will include at least ten pitchers and two dedicated catchers. Major League Baseball former players Marquis Grissom, Johnny Estrada, Marvin Freeman, and Lou Collier will coach the teams.

“It’s an honor to work with the Braves as they recognize the unique talents that Native youth bring to the game. 7G has worked hard to address the challenges facing Indian Country. This partnership with the Atlanta Braves will help continue our mission of taking our Native youth to the next level,” said Bennae Calac, Founder and Executive Director, 7G Foundation.

The pro-style workout on Saturday, July 16 will be executed by Marquis Grissom Baseball Association and will focus on defensive work, fielding, throwing, and catcher pop times. Four to six players will be selected during Saturday’s batting practice to participate in a Home Run Derby that afternoon following the workout. Rapsodo Hitting and Pitching units will be available to provide pro-level data and analytics to help players improve their game.

Native youth can register to play in the Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at ww-7gfoundation.com/nativeshowcase. Applications are open through



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Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

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

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

Eligible households include families that have:

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

Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

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

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally

funded rental assistance provided to such household.

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

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

- *Cherokee Indian Housing Division*

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship,

I have completed the first semester of my two-and-half year journey toward my MBA from WCU. It was intriguing and challenging. The work was hard and time-consuming. However, it was manageable once I found a groove, much like I did in undergraduate years ago. I was able to balance work, personal, and school life. I owe a big thank you to the Yogi Crowe organization, as it helped to provide the tools I needed to make my experience comfortable and convenient. I enjoyed the classes that I took in the spring, the daily readings, discussions, and projects as these activities sharpened my mind and strengthened my existing acumen.

I am happy to report that I earned a 4.0 GPA for the spring semester after a fourteen-year absence from academia. I genuinely believe that without your help, this would not have been achievable. I also want to take a moment and

thank my family, as they supported me throughout the semester. They provided me with an understanding environment as I placed the additional workload on myself. It would have been a more significant challenge if not for the sympathetic environment they provided. Thank you to the Yogi Crowe organization for your belief in me, and I will strive to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Cameron Cooper

Thank you

Thank you to the Yogi Crowe Board Members for their support as I continue the Doctoral program at the University of Tennessee. The expenses related to my degree are increasing, prices in general are going up and gas is incredibly high this summer. The assistance from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship will be a tremendous help when I am required to travel this summer semester for research purposes.

Thank you again for your help and consideration in funding my college expenses.

I am grateful this scholarship is available to Eastern Band of Cherokee Students who are pursuing a Masters or Doctoral Program.

Beau Carroll

We are grateful!

My family and I send our heartfelt thanks to the Cherokee One Feather editor and staff for the beautiful layout and detailed coverage of the May 13, 2022 renaming of the UNC Chapel Hills student affairs building to the Henry Owl Building. Your coverage captured the aspirations of this historic moment. It was inspiring to hear Chancellor Kev. in M. Guskiewicz proclaim that “the work we begin today with the renaming of this building” serves as “an expression

of this university’s commitment to partnering with American Indian communities.” Additionally, the Chancellor connected outreach to critical areas of focus key to bolstering diversity and inclusiveness within the UNC campus, including addressing “engagement, ethics, and reckoning.”

To fully understand the significance of any historical moment, context is essential. Reporter Jonah Lossiah’s earlier commentary UNC-Chapel Hill and Henry Owl [vsgiyi 15-21 2021] outlined the challenges ahead, including policies and attitudes in the past that have contributed to the discomfort and pain of students of color and also faculty in various disciplines feeling unsupported and marginalized. Looking up and seeing that beautiful building with my father’s name on it, I felt amazed and happy; proud; yet even now, at my age, I felt overwhelmed with the same homesickness I felt when I first met Dr. Donald Fixico in graduate school. I saw someone who looked a lot like my Dad leading a university class. Watching how he taught was a powerful encouragement and made my own dreams seem plausible.

I applaud the University for the Initiative they are launching through the Commission of History, Race, and A Way Forward. Still, I keep returning to the fact that yes, the renaming of a building is a symbolic act: an endowment of “a high and conspicuous honor.” At its most simplistic, if an inscribed name draws your attention to a person you’ve never heard of yet kindles your curiosity to check it out, it has done some work. However, when the symbol stands in for a development larger than itself, a high and conspicuous commitment

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ment, worthy of action and clarity of purpose, it takes on a bright and purposeful light full of possibilities, a way forward. That is the hope.

Bravo to the two students who spoke at the ceremony, Colby Taylor and Juanita Paz-Chalacha! Thank you EBCI Chief of Staff Ashleigh Stevens. You spoke eloquently and from your heart; and Tribal Council Representative Boyd Owle, your kind presence as an emissary was much appreciated. I'm thrilled to accept on behalf of the Owl family the gorgeous Shirley Taylor basket which arrived by FedEx today, safe and sound. The family wholeheartedly understands and supports Principal Chief Sneed's choice to attend his daughter's graduation in South Carolina. Congratulations! Thank you to the

group of family and EBCI members from the Boundary who attended: my dear cousin Frela, Mary Wachacha we hold in our in our hearts, Roberta, Frances, Judy, Dawn, Michael Lambert and so many more. Dr. Ben Frey, you are an amazing person and a distinguished role model for UNC students. Thank you for translating the dedication into Cherokee and delivering it at the ceremony.

Gladys Cardiff

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park seeks help in Identifying historic homesites

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking help to identify and document former homesite locations in the park. Volunteer-In-Park Frank March, in conjunction with Park Archeologist

Allison Harvey, is leading these research efforts which includes documenting field locations with associated historic records. The public is invited to join March and Park Archivist Mike Aday at the Blount County Library on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn more about the project and to add copies of their historic records to the collection.

"In order to gather as much information as possible we are reaching out to the local community to see if we can get old photos and information which may help with the project," said Volunteer Frank March.

March estimates that more than 2,400 former homesites can be found in the park. 70 percent of these homesites have been identified, but more remain. Records associated with the purchase of

approximately 1,200 farms between 1920 and 1940 for the creation of the park are preserved in the park's Collections Preservation Center. However, the history of European habitation in the park dates to the 1790s and many of these pre-20th century homesites are not documented.

March and Aday encourage the public to bring historic photos of old homesites, hand drawn maps, or other documents that will help the park identify these locations. Aday will scan the materials and provide digital copies and original documents back to the owner. For additional information please contact Michael Aday at (865) 448-2247 or Michael_aday@partner.nps.gov.

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MISSING PERSON

Charles Ezra Ritchie

Male Age: 16 Enrolled with Cherokee Nation

Height: 5'3" Weight: 115 lbs

Hair: **Brown** Eyes : **Brown**

Last Known Residence: Fort Gibson, Oklahoma (Cherokee County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: On April 20, 2022, Charles Ritchie left home and has not been seen anywhere since then.

Additional information: Long scar on right knee from stitches. Last seen wearing tan pants, white tank top, unknown color hoodie, and black Nike shoes

If you have seen Charles Ritchie, contact Sheriff Jason Chennault, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office (918) 456-2583.

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COMMENTARY

Happy with the status quo?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Staff

Do you think we have a perfect system of governance with the best leadership we could possibly have? To hear some voices in the community, the answer to that question would be a resounding “no”. And then, you would also hear many who say “yes”. It is a reality of politics: you can please all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you will never please all the people all the time.

In my own job here at the paper, when I hear folks’ compliments

(which I am humbled and grateful for) but I do not hear criticism, I get a little nervous. For the reality of this job is I, many times, must do and say things that offend or upset at least one or two folks if I am going to hold to my and the newspaper’s stated system of values. In short, if you do the right thing by a consistent standard, you will inevitably offend or rub someone the wrong way. The same paradigm may be applied to the political environment of the tribe. And much hangs on the “standard of right” or ethical standard of each person in our tribal leadership. To paraphrase a former U.S. president, whether you are doing the right thing or not depends on what your definition of “right” is.

We live in a society that seeks and sustains itself on propaganda and hype. Politicians, even those

who deny that they are politicians, routinely exaggerate to accentuate their positions. There is not much in this world and not many people in this world that are totally bad or good. Typically, people and things are a balance of good and bad. And even good and bad are in the eye of the beholder, socially speaking of course. I am staying away from personal religious beliefs intentionally, mainly because that too tends to gravitate toward political extremes today. Without some sort of social norm, good and bad is truly subjective, and as is the case with situational truths, contingent on what level of education a person has on a particular subject, idea, another person, or group of people. So, we generally, these days, tend to market our value system to others. And part of our marketing strategy is to

highlight our “good” and their “bad” and conversely, we ignore their good and our bad. So, what you typically see in an election is candidates who paint incomplete pictures of both themselves and their opponents.

Facebook and other social media outlets have made billions of dollars satisfying our appetite for gossip. We have itchy ears for it. And we want to hear what we want to hear. We gravitate to people and group pages that confirm our already formulated idea of what good, right, or ethical is. Again, it all boils down to what your definition of “right” is.

If you look at any of our past tribal voting records, there is a glaring fact that hits you as you scan the data. We have had elections in which less than 40 percent of eligible voters came to the polls. In a few cases, there were not enough voters

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voting to create a valid quorum for a referendum vote. And when you ask the constituents what their reason is for not voting, you get the propagandized answers; “Well, I don’t think my vote matters”; “They are going to do what they want to do anyway”; “I know that so-in-so is going to win, so why bother”. This mentality prevails even though some races in our tribal elections boiled down to ten, five, and in at least one case, one vote. Based on our historic voting records, it is a great turnout if we manage to rally 50 or 60 percent of the electorate to take a few minutes, two times a year to participate in the election process. This makes it more understandable that some feel they can get in front of the Tribal Council chamber podium and say that they speak for the people or tell you what the people want. Those people at the podium don’t have to worry about at least half of us contradicting what they say, because we won’t even speak with our vote.

Our government is juggling a bunch of balls. Building is taking place at a pace that I have not seen in 20 years. The most recent Tribal Councils and Executive administrations have dug in on land development. For example, we have at least five large, multi-dwelling (apartment and duplex) housing units either completed or in the final stages of completion. Single dwelling homes are moving slower, but they are moving forward. Buildable land, as far as for residential use, is a “high priority”, whatever that means in our current environment. And yet, we continue to see battles among our leadership regarding land purchase and land use. The latest battles that have been vocalized have been about land use planning and integrating workforce housing. Because we have a limited land mass and limited “buildable” land, there must be some consensus regarding

purchase and use to find productive solutions for the people. And while some try to make reasoned arguments pro and con, much of the debate includes accusations of personal agendas, character challenges, and political speak, all of which distract from the resolution of an issue and therefore delay remedies for the members of the tribe.

Many of the laws in our Cherokee Code contain an element of quasi-civil rights. They reside in Code because the Charter does not imply any member rights except voting and a census to make voting fair and equitable (a right, by the way, that has been denied to the people for at least a decade of elections). It is, after all, a charter and not a constitution.

There are other projects, like a homeless shelter, recognition signage for cultural figures, Cherokee Code cleaning/updating and others that get a mention every now and then, but like cans on the road, they get kicked down the road to another Tribal Council seating or Executive election. Large-scale, important projects, at least according to the Tribe’s own strategic economic development document, get kicked down the road so long that they become obsolete and must be removed from the list.

Routinely, tribal services will be checked through a monthly session of Council that requires reporting from key programs and divisions within the Tribe. Almost as routinely, Tribal Council representatives or community members will come in and request information and correction of a lack of or delay in services. Whether it is medical, facilities, housing, or any number of other social programs, there typically are a few areas that need to be addressed or corrected. The law of averages would argue that as normal. What is not normal or acceptable is the de-

flection that occurs in some of these cases. When there is an issue to be addressed, at times, there is a tendency to shift focus from the issue to personal attacks. To distract from a problem and its resolution, you might hear “We have good people on our team, and we won’t stand for their reputations to be tarnished.” At that point, the focus shifts from addressing a potential fix for a problem to a perceived personal attack of some sort. We seem sometimes to have trouble keeping the main thing the main thing.

We have a flow of information issue within our government. Our leadership has expressed a desire to be transparent, but transparency requires more work than one would think. I have been advocating for a tribal program, possibly housed under the Communications Division, that would be tasked with the release of information to the community and to the public at large. Some programs, a few programs and tribal entities, have actual public information officers (PIO) who are tasked by their job descriptions to disseminate information to the public. The challenge with most information within the tribal government is that, according to the human resources policy, primarily everything discussed inside a program is confidential until released, and I’ve had some directors tell me that they can’t release materials until they are released to do so by the Executive Office.

In one instance, I was informed by an attorney, regarding an information request made to Tribal Council through the operations office, that the Code did not require the release of that information, so they would not release it. In short, it was not the content of the information that determined its release status, it was a legal loophole that gave blanket authority to deny the release

of information to the public. There was no mention by the attorney about even the possibility that there might be proprietary information in the requested document. It was simply denied because they could. We have even had situations where we were denied information by tribal government that our government had provided to the federal government. We subsequently made public information requests to the federal government and obtained the information that our tribal government could not provide. Transparency at its finest, not.

A public information office would organize the existing public information officers into a legitimate representative entity for the Tribe. It could be educated in what is legally public information and could act as a clearing house for external communications for all iterations of our tribal government. Simple laws could be created, as they were for the ethics committee, to provide guidelines and authority so that a public information office could work with programs and entities to generate reports that would be transparent, yet not compromise confidentiality. One of the issues the government deals with on a day-to-day basis is true community engagement. Engagement to the level of knowing what most of the people want. A good public information office could streamline the red tape process that has bogged down our public records law since its creation. We are a nation of people, and we are a multi-hundred-million-dollar business/government. We need to pay attention to the needs of fine tuning our government and it is not up to just the leadership to make that happen. It is up to all of us who are tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

A true-life story... lessons learned

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Matthew 18:15-35; 1 Peter 2:23; Galatians 6:1-3; Eccles. 7:20-21; Proverbs 19:11
Continued from last week...

Rev. Tim Dove, Pastor, of The Dove Christian Center Church, Bryson City, has been a best friend of mine for many, many years. We were more like brothers.

I was very tired after working for hours while also taking a full load of classes and was so looking forward to being able to sleep in all the next day. I went in and took a hot shower, lay down in bed. I had explained this to Tim and asked him to please leave me alone while I tried to get some much-needed sleep.

Then came a knock on the door. Knock! Knock! Knock! Knock! “It’s Tim Dove!” I startled myself awake and I looked around. “I made breakfast. Get up and eat it.”

I got up and told him, “I told you, I’m going to sleep in today, now get out of here and leave me alone.” He slammed the door, and I heard his feet going down the steps.

Finally, getting settled down and starting to sink into my bed again. I felt the room spinning as I began to drop off to sleep. Awakened this time by feet running up the stairs, I heard, Bam! Bam! Bam! “I made breakfast,” hollered Tim.

“Get out!”, I said, “Leave me alone!” I heard him leave, and I laid there for a long time fuming.

For the third time that day, I heard something as I was again almost asleep. Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! He opened that door, so I picked up a shoe and I threw it just above his head as hard as I could. The door hit the wall and he knew he’d been had. I said, “Come back in this room one more time...”.

He shut that door and I heard the front door open and then close. I said, “Finally!” Sure enough, I went to sleep. I slept all day long until about 7:30 that evening. I got up to

go work the third shift. I went downstairs and I realized that boy had made three different full breakfasts. He’d made biscuits and gravy, and eggs three different times, and I didn’t even know. It was never eaten as the eggs and gravy had congealed by then. How did he make all these breakfasts? The table was covered with food that had been there all day long. I thought, he made us breakfast three times and I was yelling at him and hollering and throwing shoes at him. To hear him tell the story now, he’s got a whole different perspective. Next time he’s here, I’ll ask him to give it. But Tim taught me something...

I consequently learned something about him and myself—and that was this, he never took offense. Now, he did wake me up three times, but we’re still best friends today. At first, I had held it against him, even for a little while, then I got over it, and today we can truly laugh about it.

Here’s what I want all of us to understand today. We all can have every right to be offended sometimes, but we can’t stay offended. We have a choice within us to determine how we deal with the offense that the Bible says will

come.

We can stay offended, or we can instead declare, “I would rather see the Glory of the Lord in my life.”

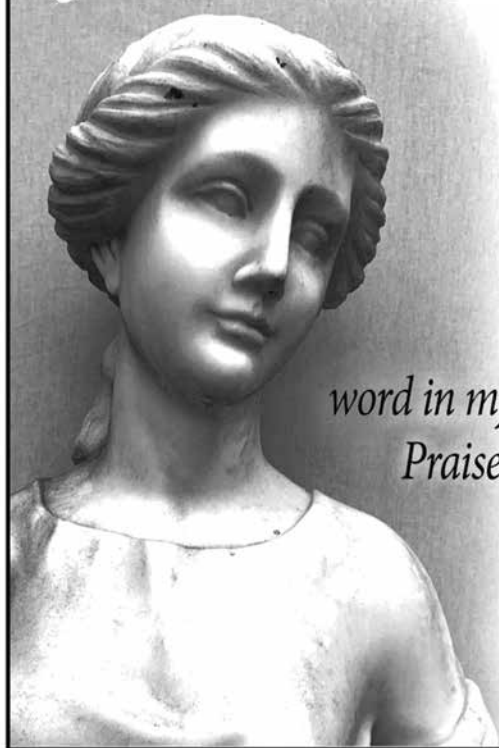
How does one know this? It’s because we just read it out of Matthew 18. He says when a person deals with offense right, we will be able to bind things or loose things, again, when the brethren come together. God then shows up in the midst of them. Whatever we can then touch and agree on to ask Him, He does it. Amen, because we dealt with the offense in the right way.

Sensible people learn to control their tempers, and they can even earn others’ respect by overlooking wrongs which may have been done to them. (Proverbs 19:11). Also, a person can choose not to take to heart all words that may have been spoken in the heat of a moment. We can choose not to take them into our hearts. Choosing to love one another, anyway, can save one’s marriage...or even one’s job. It may not be easy, but it can bring people a better life as we each practice this.

(There is more...)



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119: 9-12



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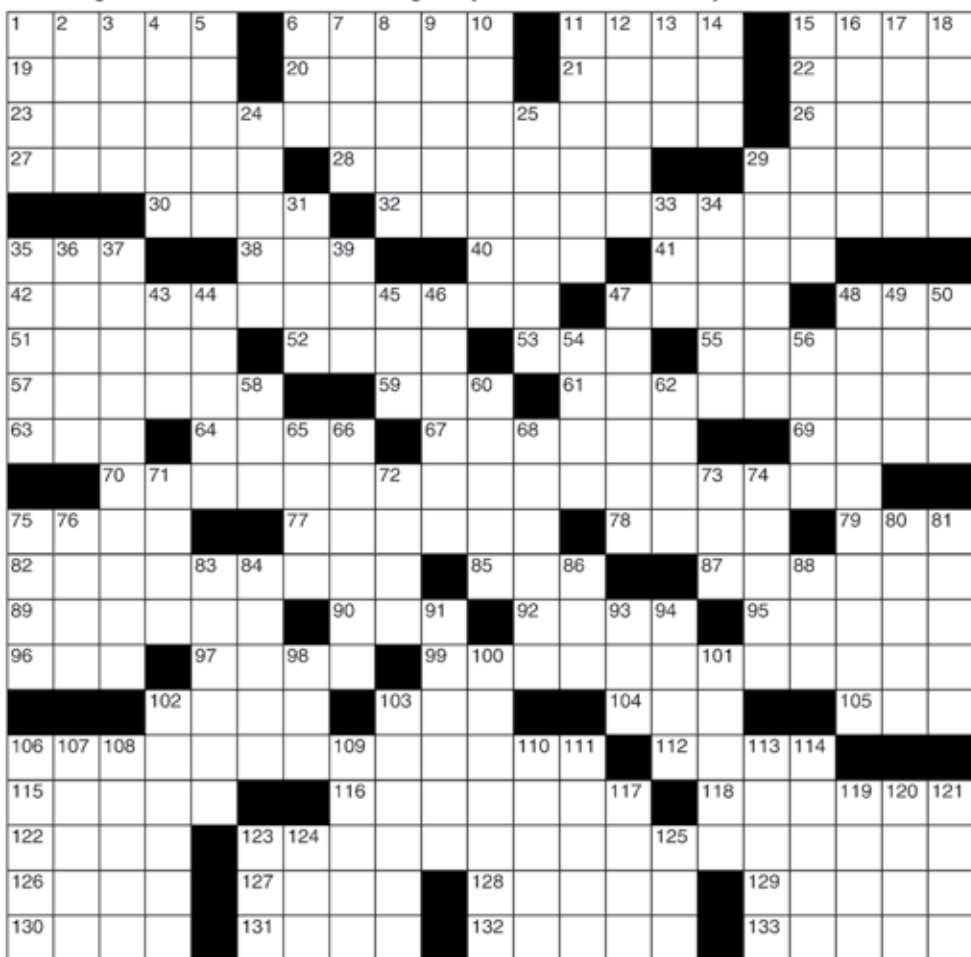
LUCKY
COMPLEMENT

ACROSS

- 1 Statesman Kefauver
6 Psi follower
11 Very top
15 "Dancing Queen" quartet
19 Political muscle
20 Plain — (obvious)
21 You, to a Quaker
22 — rock ("70s genre")
23 "... the Sorcerer's Stone," "... the Chamber of Secrets," etc.
26 Carpentry file
27 Mr. Chips player Peter
28 Desert of the Southwest
29 Harm's way
30 Fashion line?
32 Solon of Athens, Thales of Miletus, etc.
35 "Casino Royale" actress Green
38 Director Howard
40 Sinusitis-treating doc
41 Bullring cries
42 Hawikuh, Cibola, etc.
47 Since Hector was —
48 Lilt syllable
51 Allow access to
52 Stole third, perhaps
53 Rhine tributary
55 Adorable
57 Like tornado winds
59 WWII prez
61 C1, C2, etc.
63 Mao — -tung
64 "Beetle Bailey" dog
67 Hope that one may
69 Uber rival
70 Great Pyramid of Giza, Colossus of Rhodes, etc.
75 "Very funny!"
77 Heavenly
78 Gin fruit
79 Paranormal skill, in brief
82 "Infant," "whining school-boy," etc.
85 Albeit, for short
87 Boxer's combo
89 Singer Franklin
90 Photo badges, e.g.
92 Rockies ruminants
95 Distant Nin
96 "My Gal —"
97 — Mawr, Pennsylvania
99 Envy, gluttony, etc.
102 Trilogy, often
103 Furious
104 Little peeve
105 See 25-Down
106 Red, orange, etc.
112 Barber's sprinkle-on
115 Jetson tyke
116 Criticize petulantly
118 "Eh Cumpani" singer Julius
122 Petri dish
123 100-meter hurdles, high jump, etc.
126 Romantic outing
127 Provo's state
128 "... his wife could — lean"
129 Justice Dept. employees
130 Plum pit, e.g.
131 Makes illegal
132 Acting Buddy

DOWN

- 1 Imitate
2 Shutter strip
3 Bullring bull
4 Italian coins
5 Shag or bob
6 Siouan language
7 Witty sayings
8 These, in Acapulco
9 Actress Davis
10 Extremely light porous solid
11 Words before clinking glasses
12 45 player
13 "A mouse!"
14 Marks, as a ballot
15 Consents (to)
16 Bugle noise
17 Elementary
18 Abundant
24 Anjou and Bosc
25 With 105-Across, singer of the 1960 #1 hit "I'm Sorry"
29 Before printing, for short
31 Bovine noises
33 Dandy guy
34 "Orfeo ed Euridice" composer
35 Brilliant success
36 Looks at
37 Driving a car
39 Browns' org.
43 Third of IX
44 2002 scandal company
45 PC pic file
46 Rated most likely to win
47 Sharp range ridges
48 Minutia
49 Moray milieu
50 The "A" of PDA: Abbr.
54 Sacred Egyptian cross
56 Cost to cross
58 Brit's "Inc."
60 Size again
62 Hood for a monk
65 Be rife (with)
66 Consecrate
68 Acid artisan
71 Hops kiln
72 FedEx, say
73 Hugs, in a billet-doux
74 Of kidneys
75 Actor Lukas
76 Indian tourist city
80 Sty dwellers
81 Sheriff's band
83 "Wow!"
84 Partner of Wells
86 Outmoded
88 USN jr. officer
91 Justice Antonin
93 Family
94 Sulky mood
98 Veer, as a ship
100 Many an orphan, in time
101 "Therein lies —"
102 Sawed logs
103 12 in a year
106 Digests a digest, say
107 Pool film
108 Furious
109 Channel airing hearings
110 Detox place
111 Epsom —
113 Molten flows
114 Minos' island
117 Musical pitch
119 "As seen —"
120 Eye affliction
121 The "A" of PGA: Abbr.
123 Nerve center
124 JFK guess
125 Dijon denial



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Esther in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From the first chapter of James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea? *Righteous, Doubting, Jealous, Sleeping*
3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum? *Andrew, John, James, Matthew*
4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? *Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple*
5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? *Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards*
6. From what church was Silas? *Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity*

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country owns the Canary Islands?
2. MOVIES: Which movie features the song "Moon River"?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non ducor, duco" mean in English?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ducks called?
5. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a character called Sethe?
6. TELEVISION: What drive-in diner is featured in the 1970s TV sitcom "Happy Days"?
7. MUSIC: When did Lynyrd Skynyrd's anthem "Sweet Home Alabama" chart in the Top 10?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Eureka"?
9. HISTORY: When did Wyoming give women the right to vote, hold public office and own property?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had an estate called The Hermitage?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 24

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoot. June 11 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Benefit for Mac Panther to help with travel expenses to NAYO. Participants will shoot shotgun and some .22 caliber rifle rounds with attachments (scopes, lasers) or you can shoot open sight. Bring your .22 how you like to shoot it — should be fun. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

Bingo Night Fundraiser. June 10 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6 p.m. \$15 packs, \$5 kid packs, \$2 specials. Frybread and chili. Proceeds will assist Amila Lossie, Anna Watty, and Syler Ledford with NAYO travel expenses.

8U MTS Diamond Elite NAYO Fundraiser (Indoor Yard Sale and Breakfast). June 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Birdtown Gym. \$10 per table for the yard sale with 15 tables available. \$10

breakfast platter includes: eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuit, gravy, and drink. Info: Amanda Washington 736-5697

NAYO Fundraiser Bingo

Night. June 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. \$15 for 15 games with \$2 specials. Concession available. All proceeds will go to the 8U MTS Diamond Elite Softball team.

Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine

Bingo Night. June 17 at 5 p.m. at Birdtown Gym. \$25 and \$15 packs, \$5 kids games. All funds raised help to serve the MTS Mission.

Zoey Cable NAYO Fundraiser

Bingo Night. June 17 at Birdtown Community Building. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. \$15 packs and \$5 kids packs plus \$2 special games. Concessions will be available. All proceeds go to help with travel expenses for the NAYO Tournament in Alabama.

Cherokee Braves Kickoff Classic golf tournament. July 15 at the Sequoyah National Golf Club.

18 hole captain's choice. Four-person teams, \$120 per person. 8 a.m. registration. 9 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch, prizes, and raffle items. Proceeds from this tournament support the Cherokee Braves football program. Info: Chase Sneed 226-1068

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Market. June 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Local crafts and vendors. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Animal Clinic hosted by Christian Veterinary Mission.

June 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Master's Mission, Grace Community

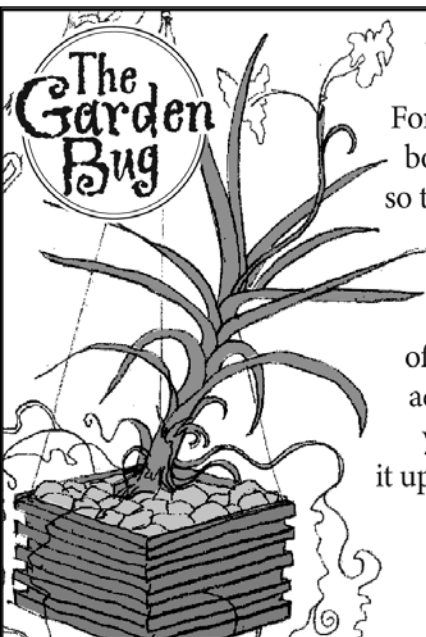
Church, and EBCI Animal Control. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876, Tammy Jackson 359-6934, or Cherokee Animal Control 359-2380

Cherokee Choices Summer

Camps. Yoga Camp (ages 7-11) June 6-23. Cultural Camp (ages 10-12) June 27 – July 14. Activities include horseback riding, rafting, arts and crafts, yoga, creek snorkeling, and more. Camps are Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications must be submitted by May 3. Space is limited. Info: Tori Bryson, MHS, RDN, LDN 359-6778 or victtram@ebci-nsn.gov

Elder Abuse Awareness Walk.

June 15 at Tsali Manor Pavilion. Meet at 5:30 p.m., walk starts at 6



Orchids

For orchids grown in containers, the bottom must have enough drainage so the roots never sit in water. Slatted baskets made of rot-resistant wood work well. Put a layer of sheet moss, some soil and a layer of stones or shells for a top dressing across the bottom before putting in your plant, and for support. Hang it up near indirect light exposure, and mist it for moisture.

Source: www.orchidsmadeeasy.com

— Brenda Weaver

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

ESTES	OMEGA	APEX	ABBA
CLOUT	TOSEE	THEE	GLAM
HARRY	POTTER	BOOKS	RASP
OTOOLE	SONORAN	PERIL	
SEAM	SAGES	OF	GREECE
EVA	RON	ENT	TOES
CITIES	OF	GOLD	APUP
LETIN	SLID	AAR	CUTIES
AWHIRL	FDR	NECK	BONES
TSE	OTTO	SEEK	TO
WONDERS	OF	THE	WORLD
HAHA	EDENIC	SLOE	ESP
AGES	OF	MAN	THO
ARETHA	IDS	ELKS	ANAI
SAL	BRYN	CARDINALS	SINS
SAGA	MAD	NIT	LEE
RAINBOW	COLORS	TALC	
ELROY	SNIP	EAT	LAROSA
AGAR	HEPTATHLON	EVENTS	
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Doubting; 3) Matthew; 4) Purple; 5) Prostitutes; 6) Antioch

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Spain
- "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- "I am not led, I lead"
- A raft
- "Beloved"
- Arnold's
- 1974
- California
- 1869
- Andrew Jackson

p.m.

Cherokee Summer Social.

July 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the RC Field next to Kituwah Mound. Evening to celebrate Cherokee language, culture, song, dance, and food. Everyone is welcome. Featured singers: Bo Taylor, John Grant, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Micah Swimmer, Jarret Wildcatt, Will Tushka. MC: Catcuce Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon skirts/shirts encouraged. Bring your own chairs. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com

A Discussion on Generational Trauma.

July 11 at the Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center. Morning session from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Must register by July 1. Ages 13-17 free, 18+ \$75.

Register at www.RKLI.org. Info: Levi West at levi.west@cherokee-boysclub.com or 359-5543

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

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

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

Qualla Country Fish Tournament
- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28
- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Most VA, DoD Health Records Aren't Accurate

It can be a big problem when you need medical care and the electronic health records sent from one provider to another contain inaccuracies. Unfortunately, a Department of Defense Inspector General audit showed this is happening in far too many active-duty and veterans records.

After sending surveys to 7,387 health care providers in late 2020 asking about their ability to access health care information for both DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs patients and whether that information was accurate, the DoD recently reported that:

— 91.2% of DoD patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.

— 67.5% of VA patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.

— 93.9% said that it impacted patient care, including giving an inaccurate or incomplete diagnosis.

The inaccurate or missing information included problems and conditions, lab results, medications and much more.

Over at the VA, they've known for a long time that they needed to upgrade their 40-year-old computer system and proposed to merge with the DoD's system. That got started in 2018. They would begin with one facility as a test.

In 2020, the VA Office of the Inspector General was tasked with finding out one overriding answer: Is it all going well at the test site before they open the system at the 174 VA medical centers, as well as the 1,577 other sites?

The answer, in a word, no.

The ill-timed pandemic no doubt kept most workers at home, especially in the beginning. But they've made progress. Just recently, the VA brought online its third site with the new system to track and store patient data.

Thoughts: Keep track of your records ... and whether they're accurate. Carry a 3x5 card in your wallet listing your drugs and dosages, conditions and surgeries. When you go to a medical appointment at a VA facility, ask for verification that their records are correct. The last thing you need in an emergency is for your medical records to be inaccurate.

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Look Into Crowdfunding to Rehome Inherited Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing in regard to the person who "inherited" her relative's pets but is unable to keep them. While directly posting the pets for adoption on social media may not be a good option for all of the reasons you previously listed, I do think there's an opportunity for Sherrie to harness the reach of those platforms to raise the money she needs to get them rehomed properly and to cover their medical care. I'm continually amazed (and encouraged) by the kindness of strangers on GoFundMe pages for pets. — *Lauren P.*

DEAR LAUREN: That's certainly an option to cover the cost of their care. Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular way to quickly raise cash to cover pets' medical needs and care needs. GoFundMe has dedicated a page with several ideas for pet fundraising: <https://www.gofundme.com/c/fundraising-ideas/pets>, and there is even a pet-specific crowdfunding organization, Waggle: <https://www.waggle.org>, which helps owners raise money for pets' medical procedures.

To crowdfund a pet's care and treatment, do plenty of research first. Look at active fundraisers to see what messages are effective and double-check the rules about pet fundraising at each crowdfunding site.

To rehome a pet, there is at least one online resource that may be helpful. Adopt-A-Pet and Petco's rehoming service (<https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>) is a go-between service that helps owners connect with people who are looking to adopt.

I still recommend that Sherrie contacts the local shelter to get information about rehoming or, if all else fails, surrendering the pets safely to the shelter. But the above options may be a great help as she hunts for new owners for her relative's pets.

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

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October 17th-
December 3rd

HAPPENINGS: Event listings, from page 25

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

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

Galaxy Cheer Tryouts. June 6-8 from 6 :30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly at Pirouettes Dance & Cheer Academy. Attire is athletic wear. Info: Samantha Hernandez 736-0452 or email

pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com

Southern Powerlifting Federation Rumble in the Smokies.

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Swain County Democratic Party monthly meeting. June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center at 45 E. Ridge Drive in Bryson City. This meeting is also being held via Zoom. Agenda will include planning for

the 4th of July. All are welcome. For details or to request the Zoom link, call 488-1234 or visit SCDP on Facebook.

Intermediate Pine Needle

Crafts. June 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Murphy Arts Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

Introduction and Intermediate Zentangle Class for Youth.

June 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Class is appropriate for ages 13-17. Info: 360-3038

Cowee School Farmer's

Market. Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Produce, plant starts, eggs, baked goods, flowers,

food trucks, and music. Located at 51 Cowee School Drive in Franklin. Info: 369-4080 or www.cowee-school.org


SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Event listings are FREE of charge.


Email them to Scott at: scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov



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AGES: 13-17 FREE
AGES: 18+ \$75 REGISTRATION FEE
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www.RKLI.org

For more information, please contact Levi West @ levi.west@cherokeeboysclub.com or (828) 359-5543



SEEKING

Baileyton Celebration is seeking Native American vendors for the event Sept. 9-11. Biggest in Greene County (Tenn.) as of last year. Exit 36 off of I-81. Interested vendors should call (423) 963-8869 or email mda-vis3238@yahoo.com. 6/29

WANTED

One acre of land on the Qualla Boundary to build a HIP Home. (828) 788-1163. 6/8

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a job situation is brewing that could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquiries.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back soon will come forward as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new friend seems to be pushing you to take risks — financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. They might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to see new places and meet new people. Have you considered working for an airline or cruise-ship company?

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Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated :

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2. CMS Science Teacher
3. CMS Special Education Teacher
4. CHS Math Teacher
5. CHS English Teacher
6. CHS Social Studies Teacher
7. CHS Automechanics Teacher
8. CHS Special Education Teacher - Life Skills
9. CES Speech Language Pathologist
10. CES Special Education Teacher - STARS

11. CES Special Education TA - STARS
12. CES Special Education TA
13. CES Special Education Teacher
14. CES School Counselor - ARPA
15. Elementary Teacher
16. Cherokee Language Instructor
17. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School)
18. JV Cheer Coach
19. JV Women's Basketball Head Coach
20. Food Service Worker - 4 hr
21. Food Service Worker - 6 hr
22. Part-Time Security
23. Custodian
24. Substitute Teachers

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-062

In the Matter of the Estate of Kimberly Elaine Parton

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

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

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

Anne Holt
P.O. Box 1015
Cherokee, NC 28719
6/15

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of R.Q., A Minor
Child, File No. CVJ 22-006
TO: The Unknown Father of Minor
Child R.Q.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, R.Q., born January 20, 2020 is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on January 27, 2022. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on May 17, 2022.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within

the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 1st day of June, 2022.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
6/15

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-055
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Carroll James Parker**

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

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

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

Michael Andrew Parker
PO Box 100
Cherokee, NC 28719
6/22

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-056

In the Matter of the Estate of Lawanda Louise Taylor

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

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

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

Monica Wildcatt, P.O. Box 137,
Cherokee, NC 28719; or Kim Wildcat, P.O. Box 304, Cherokee, NC 28719
6/22

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS

Date: May 24th, 2022

RE: EBCI Speakers Bureau, 1629
Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719

To All Pre-Qualified Bidders:

Your firm has been chosen to be included on a select bidders list for the construction of the above referenced project. Bid Proposals will be received by Vannoy Construction Co., Inc. until (3:00 PM EST on June 22, 2022) Emailed Bids and Hard Copy Sealed Bids will be accepted for this project. At which time, all received proposals will be received for opening at a later time in the presence of the owner for the supply of all labor, materials, equipment, tools and supervision required for the complete construction

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

June 3, 2022

Human Resources Technical Consultant

RFP #: EBCI-TERO-01-2022

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office seeks a Human Resource(s) Technical Consultant to provide Human Resource support for TERO Vendors. This request seeks proposals from qualified human resource providers that will provide technical assistance and five deliverable products that will be made available to TERO Vendors. Preference will be given to qualified Indians with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the human resources fields.

OSHA Trainer

RFP #: EBCI-TERO-02-2022

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) seeks an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Trainer to provide OSHA and flagging courses. This request seeks proposals from certified OSHA trainer. Preference will be given to qualified Indians certified to provide training in OSHA 30 training for the construction industry, including flagging, curricula.

PROPOSAL CONTACT

For any additional information about this Request for Proposals, please contact:

Terri Henry, Director
Tribal Employment Rights Office
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
PO Box 1839
756 Aquoni Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: 828.359.6540
Email: terrihenr@ebci-nsn.gov

The full RFP's are available on
www.ebci-tero.com/jobs-2 or use
this QR Code.



of this project.

Complete plans, specification and contract documents will be open for inspection via a BOX link. Please note it is imperative you gain access to this site Box Link. (see below...)

<https://jrvannoy.box.com/s/3i-68urheqdaoozs8x2u134uggss5mal2>
Project: EBCI Speakers Bureau

A site walk thru will be held on at a later date (TBD) at the project site. The physical address of the construction site is 1629 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC 28719. It is the bidder's responsibility to review the existing conditions of each building prior to bid. No consideration for additional payment for failure to complete thorough inspection will be accepted.

"Per the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Cherokee Code we will be following article V

preference requirements for Procuring subcontractor bids and monthly reporting guidelines as spelled out in Section 92-23 of the Tribal Code." (See Bid Manual Section 4 and open Davis Bacon Wage Act folder for additional information)

Project Name, Bid Package #, Bid Package Description that are included as indicated below:

C/O Vannoy Construction Co., Inc.
Project Name: EBCI Speakers Bureau

Sealed bids that are to be hand delivered must be turned in prior to bid deadline (prior to 3:00 PM EST on June 22nd, 2022):

Emailed Bids must be submitted on our proposal form, with all the standard documents spelled out in a PDF format.

Bids will be opened at a later date in the presence of the owner

If you elect to Mail or Overnight

bid forms send to:

Vannoy Construction
1500 Ridgefield Blvd. Asheville, NC 28806

Attn: Mr. TJ Hollars

TJ.Hollars@JRVannoy.com

Delivery (Before NOON) on date of the bid.

If bids are mailed or overnighted or emailed it is the bidder's responsibility to insure delivery before 3:00 PM on date of the bid.

Vannoy Construction will receive, open and read publicly all proposals received. Bid packages are as follows:

BP No.: (x) – Bid Package Description

BP 220 Site Development

BP 290 Landscaping

BP 300 Turnkey Building Concrete

BP 400 Turnkey Masonry & Stone
BP 500 Structural & Miscellaneous Steel

BP 640 Finish Carpentry, Millwork, Casework & Countertops

BP 710 Bituminous Damproofing, Weather Barriers, Caulking & Sealants

BP 742 Turnkey Fiber Cement Panel System

BP 750 Turnkey Roofing

BP 800 Doors, Frames & Hardware – Installed

BP 840 Aluminum Framed Openings, Glass, Glazing, & Aluminum Door Hardware

BP 920 Metal Studs, Drywall, Insulation & Acoustical Ceilings

BP 930 Hard Tile

BP 960 Resilient Flooring

BP 990 Painting, Coatings & Wall Coverings

BP 1000 Division 10 Accessories Installed

BP 1020 Signage – (Coming Soon)

BP 1210 Window Shades

BP 1530 Fire Suppression

BP 1540 Plumbing Systems

BP 1550 HVAC & Controls

BP 1600 Electrical Systems

All Bidders are strongly encouraged to include opportunities for Minority Business participation wherever possible in their respective Bid submission. Minority Business Partition is a part of this contract and must comply with the State of North Carolina Construction.

Bid Security (Bid Bond) Requirement: Bid Bonds are required on all bid packages that meet or exceed \$300,000.00 in total value. A bid bond, bid security or bank issued cashier's check in the amount of 5% (Five Percent) of the total base bid amount is required with the bid. A bid will not be read or considered without a valid bid security if required.

Any Standard Bid Bond form is acceptable for this

Performance and Payment Bond Requirement: Required on all bid packages that meet or exceed \$125,000.00 in total value. Performance and payment bond is bid as an ADD Alternate as noted on each bid form.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to add pre-qualified bidders. The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Bids received may not be withdrawn within 60 days after the bid date and time, except as required by law.

All bidder questions pertaining to the project must be submitted 10 calendar days prior to bid on written form (via mail, fax or email) to the Construction Manager, Vannoy Construction Co., Inc. for processing to the Design Professional and/or Owner as required. Applicable responses to questions will be issued in the form of an addendum by the Construction Manager or Architect to all pre-qualified bidders. Bidder questions shall be addressed to: Vannoy Construction Co., Inc
Attn: Danny Staton – Preconstruction

COLD CASE



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

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that "foul play" was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$20,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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CIPD (828) 359-6600

tion Manager
4024 Barringer Drive, Charlotte, NC
28217
Phone: (704)529-1914
Cell: (704)408-9677
Email: danny.staton@jrvannoy.com

Also may be copied to:
Vannoy Construction Co., Inc
Attn: TJ Hollars - Senior Project
Manager
Cell: (828)265-6447
Email: tj.hollars@jrvannoy.com

On behalf of Eastern Band of
Cherokee Indians and Vannoy Con-
struction we thank you in advance
for the valuable time and effort you
will be expending pursuing and
preparing your bid proposal. Should
you require additional direction,
please contact Vannoy Construction,
Danny Staton at (704)408-9677
(mobile) or TJ Hollars at (828)265-
6447 (mobile).

Designer:
Johnson Architecture, 2240 Suther-
land Ave. Suite 105, Knoxville, TN
37919

Owner:
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians,
P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719
6/8

Swain County Schools Request for Proposals of Driver Education Instruction

Swain County Schools is issuing
a Request for Proposals (RFP) for
Driver Education
Instruction.

This RFP is for the purpose of
obtaining proposals and ultimately
entering into a contract to provide
Driver Education instruction for the
Swain County Schools. The driver
education company will enter into
the contract with the Swain County
Board of Education. The Contractor
shall offer assurances that all oper-
ations addressed in the RFP will be
conducted in a manner that is con-
sistent with the goals of the Swain

County School System, which is to
provide an appropriately priced,
quality driver education instruction,
to the students of Swain County.
A full copy of the RFP may be ob-
tained on the Swain County Schools'
Website at www.swain.k12.nc.us or
by emailing finance@swainmail.org
Sealed bids will be received at the
Swain County Board of Education
office, 50 Main Street, 2nd floor,
Bryson City, NC, on or before
3:00pm, Local Time Thursday, June
23, 2022, at which time said bids
will be publicly opened and read
aloud. Two sealed copies of the pro-
posal are to be delivered or mailed
and marked "Proposal for Driver
Education Services". Each proposal
must include all required responses
and documents at the time of public
proposal opening.

Questions regarding this RFP
are to be directed to [finance@swain-
mail.org](mailto:finance@swain-
mail.org). **6/8**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 118
P.O. Box 1328
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6703

Project Title: Big Cove Eco-tourism

Parking Lot Construction

The Eastern Band of Chero-
kee Indians Project Management
Program is seeking the services of
a licensed general contractor to
provide construction services for the
development of a new parking area
near the Cherokee Central Schools
Campus. The project includes park-
ing for approximately 50 vehicles,
concrete sidewalks, pre-fabricated
all weather bathroom, utilities con-
nections, site lighting, and cross-
walks.

The project area is located on
the Cherokee Indian Reservation ap-
proximately 0.9 miles past the Blue

Ridge Parkway Bridge on Big Cove
Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact
Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by
email at kengree@ebci-nsn.gov with
any questions or to request a copy of
the RFP.

Proposals should be addressed
to Mr. Chris Greene in a man-
ner prescribed in the RFP and
must be received by 11:00 a.m on
7/20/2022. Any proposal received
after the time and date specified
shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian
Preference (TERO) regulations ap-
ply for award and execution of this
contract. **6/15**

Public Notice:

The Division of Agriculture and
Natural Resources Water Quality
Office invites public comment on
401 Water Quality Certification
Grants for Cherokee Trout Farm
and the EBCI Tribal Hatchery. The
certifications can be viewed in their
entirety on our website, [cherokee-
naturalresources.com](http://cherokee-
naturalresources.com). Comments
may be directed to Michael Bolt,
Water Quality Supervisor via email
at michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov, via post
at PO Box 1925 Cherokee, NC 28719,
or by phone at 828-359-6772. Thank
you! **6/22**

Public Notice:

The Division of Agriculture and
Natural Resources Water Quality
Office invites public comment on the
Antidegradation Analysis Reports
for the EBCI Tribal Hatchery and
Cherokee Trout Farm. The analyses
can be viewed in their entirety on
our website, [cherokeeanaturalre-
sources.com](http://cherokeeanaturalre-
sources.com). Comments may be
directed to Michael Bolt, Water
Quality Supervisor via email at
michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov, via post at
PO Box 1925 Cherokee, NC 28719 or
by phone at 828-359-6772. Thank
you! **6/22**

REQUEST FOR DESIGN BUILD PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 118
P.O. Box 1328
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6703
Project Title: Water Quality
Laboratory Expansion

The Eastern Band of Chero-
kee Indians Project Management
Program is seeking the services of
a licensed general contractor to
provide work under a design-build
contract for the construction of a
600 sq ft building addition for the
tribal water quality laboratory. The
project includes a 24'x25' expansion
of the existing metal building, a new
roof for the entire structure, and
painting or otherwise re-furbishing
the existing structure exterior paint.

The project area is located on
the Cherokee Indian Reservation at
2000 Old Number 4 Road, Chero-
kee NC 28719. Contact Ken Green
at (828)359-6120 or by email at
kengree@ebci-nsn.gov with any
questions or to request a copy of the
RFP.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal
meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM
(EST) on 6/29/2022. Proposals
should be submitted to Mr. Chris
Greene in a manner prescribed
in the RFP and must be received
by 11:00 a.m on 7/14/2022. Any
proposal received after the time and
date specified shall not be consid-
ered.

Please be advised that Indian
Preference (TERO) regulations ap-
ply for award and execution of this
contract. **6/15**



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

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

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

OPEN UNTIL FILLED
CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:
(1) FT RESIDENT COUNSELOR; (5) PT RESIDENT COUNSELORS

AGELINK: (2) TEACHERS; (4) TEACHER ASSISTANTS; (1) COOK ASSISTANT; (2) GROUP LEADERS

SNOWBIRD CHILDCARE:
(1) TEACHER

BUS: (10) PT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

SHOP/GARAGE: (5) PT SEASONAL LAWN CREW - \$14/HOURLY, EVENING and WEEKEND HOURS AVAILABLE



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday June 12, 2022

- 1) Technology Instructor: Cherokee Youth Center – Department of Education (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
- 2) Assistant Court Clerk: Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L8 \$36,500 - \$46,625)
- 3) Director of Communications: Communications – Commerce (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
- 4) Tribal Prosecutor II: Criminal Law Department – Office of the Attorney General (L18 \$89,580 - \$110,970)
- 5) DV Administrative Assistant/Asst. Project Coordinator: DV Program – Public Health & Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 6) Finance Manager: Qualla Boundary Head Start / Early Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
- 7) DV Intake Technician: DV Program – Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
- 8) Child Advocate Coordinator: Heart to Heart Program – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- 9) DV Sexual Assault Victim Advocate: DV Program – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$36,500 - \$46,625)

Open Until Filled

- 1) Patrol Officer: Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 2) Detention Officer (Multiple): Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 3) PT Paramedic (Multiple): Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4) Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center – Community Education & Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 5) Certified Nursing Assistant: Tribal In-Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 6) Driver (Multiple): Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 7) Teacher (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – PHHS (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- 8) Teacher Assistant (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
- 9) Real Estate Associate Attorney: Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
- 10) Social Worker (Multiple): Family Safety Program – PHHS (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
- 11) Housekeeper I – Light Duty: Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
- 12) Legislative Financial Director: Tribal Council (L21 \$116,354 - \$145,421)
- 13) Corrections Officer: CIPD – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 14) Property Control Officer: Financial Assets – Treasury (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)

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.

WE'RE HIRING.



PUT ON YOUR
**NEW JOB
NEW ME
HAT.**

UP TO \$3,000 HIRING BONUS

Full and part time positions available, starting rate \$15 an hour with a \$3,000 hiring bonus.

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HCCR Resort Ballroom

Get a head start and apply at:
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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CIHA OPEN POSITIONS

FINANCE:

Patient and Referred Care Manager – \$60,190-\$75,238

ENGINEERING:

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$18.32 - \$20.67

EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

Maintenance Technician \$18.32 - \$20.67

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Residential Technician (Male & Female) – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available - \$45,512 - \$56,891 **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$39,576 - \$49,470

Certified Drug & Alcohol Counselor - \$39,576 - \$49,470

Child Services Manager - \$60,190 - \$75,238

Registered Nurse –Grant Funded Position - \$33.68 - \$38.72

OPERATIONS:

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dentist - \$116,443 - \$145,554

Pedodontist - \$139,732 - \$174,665

Phlebotomist - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Optician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Optometrist - \$97,036 - \$121,295

Ultrasound Technologist (Part Time Intermittent) - \$24.55 - \$27.99

Clinical Pharmacist - \$91,524 - \$114,427

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL:

Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient - \$139,732 - \$174,665

Physician – Primary Care - \$139,732 - \$174,665

Advanced Practice Provider – Emergency Room - Part Time Intermittent \$80,863 - \$101,079

Clinical Dietitian – Full Time & Emergency Hire - \$39,576 - \$49,470

NURSING:

Registered Nurse Night Shift Supervisor – Inpatient - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98** 3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

RN Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$40.22

**\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care - \$45,512 - \$68,269 **\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room - \$31.06 - \$35.64

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician – Full Time & Part Time Intermittent – \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Registered Nurse PTI – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Licensed Practical Nurse – Tribal Justice Correctional Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse – Immediate Care Center - \$31.06 - \$35.64

Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Care Manager Supervisor (IDD/TBI) – Primary Care - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Care Manager (IDD/TBI) – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64

TSALI CARE CENTER:

Assistant Administrator - \$52,339 - \$65,424

Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Certified Nursing Assistant – Part Time \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Part Time Intermittent Life Enrichment Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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