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Council supports Clingman's Dome name change

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

The area of the Great Smoky **Mountains National Park** known as Clingman's Dome has been known for thousands of years by Cherokee people as Kuwahi ("mulberry place"). The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) approved legislation during its regular session on Thursday, July 14 that supports changing the name back to that historic, traditional name.

Led by two Cherokee women who submitted the legislation,

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Lavita Hill and Mary "Missy" Crowe are shown outside the Tribal Council House immediately following Tribal Council's passage of their resolution on Thursday, July 14 that gives support from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for their idea to change the name of Clingman's Dome to Kuwahi – the original Cherokee term for the place. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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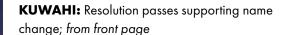
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Lavita Hill and Mary "Missy" Crowe, the legislation passed unanimously by all Council representatives present (Vice Chairman Albert Rose and Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe had excused absences).

During discussion on the legislation, Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver and Sally Arch, Tribal Council interpreter, brought up that there might be a dialect difference in the word Kuwahi used by some fluent Cherokee speakers. Both Hill and Crowe noted that their next step in the process is to go before the Cherokee Speakers Council to get an official statement for the term.

"Overall, what we're doing is for our community and our people," Hill said during discussion. "I don't want a language barrier to stop this action."

Crowe commented, "We want to open this up to anyone who wants to join us in doing the research and to make sure that we do this right because this is going to the federal government on up to the Secretary of the Interior. So, we would like to make sure that we do have everything."

She added, "In understanding who we are, knowing that not only is this a spiritual, it's historic and it's a fact today when we have our sister tribe, the United Keetoowah Band, that comes from this. What I had always heard in the stories is that they picked up the fire from medicine men that met up at what they referred to as 'Kuwahi'."

Crowe said the area has been there for Cherokee people for thousands of years. "What we hope to do is to be able to come as a collective community group of elders to us...to our younger folks. We see this as an avenue for our younger generation to learn, to relearn - to relearn who and what we are as a people that Creator placed here."

The resolution describes the area, "Kuwahi or 'mulberry place', is the highest point in our area and has significant to us as Cherokees as it was visited by medicine people who prayed and sought guidance from the Creator regarding important matters facing our people, and then returned to our towns to give



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guidance and advice."

Beloved Woman Driver said she is hopeful this will be a catalyst. "This might be a stepping stone to getting all the others changed. One example would be 'Judaculla'. That is so wrong."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said, "Thank you both. I appreciate this type of legislation coming in here...I have to agree with what's been said. There are places in the neighborhood that we need to correct some names on. While they may have had it for 70 years, we had it like 15,000 to 20,000 years ago..."

Following the passage of

the legislation, Hill told the One Feather, "It just feels good. First of all, I'm very grateful for the support. I'm grateful for Myrtle and Sally to talk about the language. We're going to move forward so that the mountain presently known as Clingman's Dome is restored to its original name which we believe is 'Kuwahi'."

She added, "Here's our chance to honor our ancestors. Maybe we can't take the land back, but we're going to put the language out there and we're going to put education out there and more people are going to know that this was Cherokee homeland. Let's honor them. Let's

give them this name. Let's respect them in that regard."

The official process starts with the filing of an application for a name change through the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN).

In early June, the BGN voted 15-0 to change the name of Mount Doane, located in the Yellowstone National Park. According to a press release from the National Park Service, "The peak was previously named after Gustavus Doane, a key member of the Washburn-Langford-Doane expedition in 1870 prior to Yellowstone becoming America's first national

park. Research has shown that earlier that same year (1870), Doane led an attack, what is now known as the Marias Massacre, at least 173 American Indians were killed, including many women, elderly tribal members, and children suffering from smallpox. Doane wrote fondly about this attack and bragged about it for the rest of his life."

The name change in Yellowstone was spurred by recommendations from the Rocky Mountain Tribal Council.

Ribbon cutting

The morning of Friday, July 15, marked the ribbon cutting of the Cherokee Youth Center. This comes three years after the groundbreaking on the site of the old Youth Center on Acquoni Rd. The project was budgeted for \$19.2 million and will look to offer a top-down improvement of resources for Cherokee children. Staff will begin to adjust to the space and they hope to have the facility fully operational within the next few months.

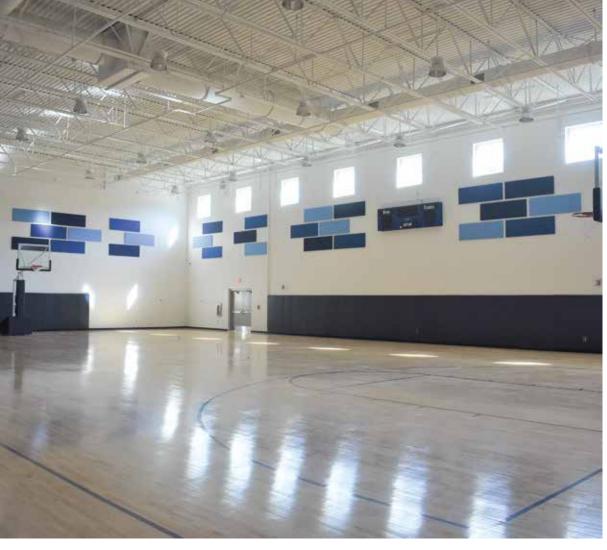
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CIPD Arrest Report for July 3-10

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

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 31 Arrested: July 3

Released: Not released as of report

date (July 11)

Charges: Exploitation of an Elder of Vulnerable Adult and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code, Assault with a Deadly

Weapon

Brady, Rocky Eugene – age 63

Arrested: July 4 Released: July 4

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Davis, Verron Doyce – age 44

Arrested: July 5

Released: Not released as of report

date (July 11)

Charges: Probation Violation

Driver, Derek Wilson – age 30

Arrested: July 5 Released: July 6

Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Obstructing Governmental

Functions, Disorderly Conduct

Forrester, Travis Gary – age 40

Arrested: July 5 Released: July 5

Charges: Temporary Hold

Smith, Timothy Ray (from Char-

lotte) – age 53 Arrested: July 5 Released: July 7 Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Wildcat, Charles Dwayne Joseph

- age 27

Arrested: July 6

Released: Not released as of report

date (July 11)

Charges: Probation Violation

Martinez, Gustavo - age 44

Arrested: July 7

Released: July 8

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Taylor, Sydney Neriah – age 26

Arrested: July 7

Released: July 7

Charges: Assault Government

Official/Employee

Climbingbear, Isaac – age 32

Arrested: July 9

Released: Not released as of report

date (July 11)

Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (two

counts)

Wilnoty, Janice Gayle - age 50

Arrested: July 10 Released: July 10

Charges: Simple Assault

Graham Co. man sentenced on various charges including habitual felon

In a "three strikes and you're out" decision, a Graham County jury this week first found a Robbinsville man guilty of breaking into and stealing items from a garage, then guilty of habitual felon, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said.

Thanks to that sentence enhancer of habitual felon, Bryan Aaron Berryman, 52, was sentenced four classes higher than the underlying felony convictions.

The jury found him guilty, in total, of five charges:

· Felony breaking and entering.

- · Felony larceny.
- Felony possession of stolen goods.
- Felony conspiracy to break and enter and larceny.
- · Habitual felon.

"The ability to target repeat offenders is an important tool in our toolbox," District Attorney Welch said. "It allows us to relieve communities of men and women who have chronically sticky fingers."

Superior Court Judge Jesse Caldwell sentenced Berryman to serve a minimum of 132 months in prison up to a maximum of 183 months.

In 1967, state lawmakers empowered North Carolina prosecutors to seek habitual felon status if they have evidence of at least three previous federal or state felony convictions (the so-called "threestrikes" law), prior to the defendant committing a fourth.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Moore provided jurors with evidence that proved Berryman had previous felony convictions from Gaston County.

The Graham County Sheriff's Office filed charges against Berryman and a co-defendant on April 19, 2021. Capt. Joshua Wooten of Graham County Sheriff's Office was the charging officer.

- 43rd Prosecutorial District release





On Aug. 4, 1753, George Washington, a young Virginia planter, becomes a Master Mason, the highest basic rank in Freemasonry. The ceremony was held at the Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Washington was 21 years old and would soon command his first military operation. Freemasons trace the origins of masonry back to the erecting of King

 On Aug. 6, 1911, Lucille Desiree Ball, one of America's most famous redheads and beloved comic actresses, is born near Jamestown, New York. Ball starred with husband Ricky Ricardo on television's "I Love Lucy" from 1951 to 1957.

Solomon's Temple in biblical times.

- On Aug. 2, 1939, Wes Craven, the man responsible for terrorizing millions of moviegoers with his "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, is born. Craven began his directing career with 1972's "The Last House on the Left," a violent teen horror film.
- On Aug. 1, 1943, a Japanese destroyer rams an American PT (patrol torpedo) boat, No. 109, slicing it in two. The destruction is so massive, other American PT boats in the area assume the crew is dead. Two crewmen were, in fact, killed, but 11 survived, including Lt. John F. Kennedy, who would later become president.
- On Aug. 7, 1964, the United States Congress approves the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson nearly unlimited powers to oppose "communist aggression" in Southeast Asia. The Johnson administration began heavy bombing of North Vietnam in early 1965 and sent U.S. combat troops in March 1965.
- On Aug. 3, 1977, "The Spy Who Loved Me," starring Roger Moore as James Bond, is released in theaters. The film features one of the most memorable Bond vehicles of all time

 a sleek, powerful Lotus Esprit sports car that does double duty as a submarine.
- On Aug. 5, 2002, the rusty iron gun turret of the ironclad warship U.S.S.
 Monitor is raised from the floor of the Atlantic, where it had rested since it went down in a storm off North Carolina during the Civil War. She sank in December 1862, while being towed from Cape Hatteras.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN FAIR VETERANS HONOR DAY - FRIDAY, OCT. 7

All events will be held at Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center exhibition hall.

11 a.m. - Honor Songs by Drum Group 11:30 a.m.

- Presentation of Colors by Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
- National Anthem sung by Angela Toomey
- Invocation by Chaplain Vaughn Benner, U.S. Army
- POW/MIA Ceremony by Jim Babcock, U.S. Army
- Welcome message by Lew Harding, Post 143 commander
- Welcome message by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed
- Guest Speaker, Secretary Walter Gaskin, NCDMVA
- Introduction of special guests
- Recognition of all veterans

12:30 p.m. - "Brothers and Sisters Like These" Stores by Steve Henderson

1:15 p.m. - Musical entertainment by Angela Toomey
1:45 p.m. - Closing Ceremony, EBCI Roll Call, Sounding
of "Taps", Closing prayer by Chaplain Benner
2 p.m. - Retiring of colors and service flags

The VA Mobile Vet Center will be set up on premises from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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August Birthdays

8/1 - EMS birthday 1980

8/4 - Kendra Panther-Wildcatt

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8/15 - Monica "Tigger" Lambert

8/16 - Jerilyn Crowe

8/19 - Andre Hall

8/20 - Brittany Toineeta

8/20 - Lavita Hill

8/21 - Polly B. Crow

8/22 - Kale Crowe

8/23 - Adrianne Ramirez

8/26 - Jessica Lambert

8/28 - Elizabeth Moore

8/29 - Christopher and Tabitha Larch, 1st anniv.



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Tribal Council funds championship ring for Robbinsville standout

By JONAH LOSSIAH

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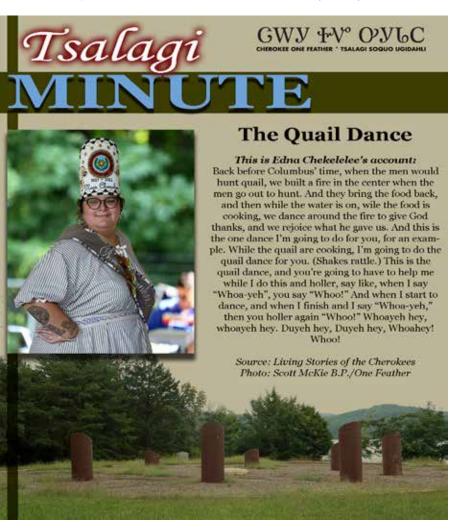
This spring, Zoie Shuler set the 1A NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) record for the triple jump on her way to claiming two championships in Greensboro.

During her sophomore campaign, Shuler won the state championship for indoor long jump, outdoor long jump, and outdoor triple jump - three titles in just a few months. This came after what Shuler considered a 'disappointing' outing her freshman season, where she finished as the state runner-up in both long jump and triple jump.

The rising junior is also a



Zoie Shuler, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown during competition at the 2022 1A NCHSAA Track and Field Championship in which she won both the long jump and triple jump. (Photos by Kevin Hensley/Graham Star)







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multi-sport athlete, being named the Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year for softball in 2022. She also plays varsity volleyball and basketball for Robbinsville High School.

Shuler, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, came before Tribal Council on the afternoon of July 14 for Res. No. 340, which was submitted by Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Reps. Bucky Brown and Adam Wachacha. The resolution proposed that Council approve a \$300 donation to assist Shuler with purchasing her championship ring.

"Zoie's been part of Snowbird Recreation for most of her life. I've seen her grow up from the termite teams all the way up where she plays volleyball, basketball. She was very much involved in anything that we had in the Snowbird Community," said Rep. Brown. Rep. Wachacha immediately made a move to pass, which was seconded by Rep. Brown.

"Zoie, it's always a joy to see you and watch you grow. Being able to go to all these different sporting events and see you and your family out there supporting. Being a good example for all the younger athletes that are behind you," said Rep. Wachacha.

Kylie Shuler, Zoie's mother, was also in the chambers to speak on her daughter's achievements.

"This is for three rings, actually. She got an indoor state championship and she got two outdoor state championships in track. She currently holds the new state record for 1A in the triple jump with 39 feet and 9.25 inches."

Shuler's 18-foot and 7-inch long jump at the state championship was also a school record for Robbinsville High school.

"It's really a joy to be able to watch her. She's a rising junior. She has a lot of potential ... there are plenty of opportunities for her to go back down for indoor track. She may be the most decorated 1A athlete by the time she's done with her career in high school," said Rep. Wachacha.

Tribal Council unanimously passed Res. 340 with no additional discussion.



Shuler is shown with her state championship medals.



COMMUNITY &SSY

The Hills are alive with the signs of music

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

t just 15 years old,
Noqwisi Crowe is one of
the veteran members of
the "Unto These Hills"
production in Cherokee.

Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the sign language interpreter for the preshow of the drama. She can be seen behind the singers and musicians, offering the lyrics to those that might be difficult of hearing. This is a role she has been happily accepting for the last two years.

Sign language is something that Crowe began to pick up in



Noqwisi Crowe performing during the Unto These Hills preshow on Tuesday, July 5. Crowe has been interpreting for the show since she was nine years old. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



2016 thanks to a visitor one fateful season.

"My mentor, Lindsey Hughes, she was visiting our church. She told me that she saw how mature I was, and I was only nine. She taught me. First, it was dramatic sign, so I did that for a few years. Now I work with Pastor Rebekah Dove. She teaches me sign language. Everyone has seen it as a wonderful thing that I do. So, I think I'll continue with that."

Crowe describes herself as a shy person, but her performance is something she does relaxed and with a smile on her face. She said that years of practice in front of people has calmed her down on stage. She remembers the anxious feelings the first time she got up to perform.

"I was really nervous at that time. But after a few days, I got used to it ... It's just routine now. I've gotten used to performing."

Something she noticed as she began working with sign language is that she needed her own style. Whether it be her rhythm or how she accentuates certain words or phrases.

"People have different ways of performing and ways that they think about what they're going to do."

Crowe said that this is especially true because she is interpreting music. She said that she does her best to translate the emotion and feel of the music as well. Pastor Rebekah Dove, Crowe's current mentor, said that conveying those aspects of language is one of the most difficult aspects of sign.

"Sign language is very basic. It's root words. In human languages, we embellish words, and you have to constantly think, what is the root word? What are they saying? What is way to do I need to portray this word?" said Dove.

Music and sign language have always been hand-in-hand with Crowe's path to learning. Dove, who works with The Mission church in Bryson City, has done her part in adding to Crowe's catalog.

"She's a quiet person when you talk to her. She's really interested in learning sign language. She's really graceful with what she does. I have enjoyed teaching her every song that I have worked with her."

Dove said that Crowe is a very easy-going student and a joy to work with. She's said that she's excited to see how the 15-year-old contin-

ues to grow with sign.

"She just amazes me. She undervalues herself. But when you break that shell and work with her, she is able to accomplish extraordinary things...She's able to sign in front of people and not be discouraged. Feel confident."

Crowe said that she feels lucky to have someone like Dove in her corner. Without people to practice with, learning sign can be very difficult.

"They think I'm doing very well. That I've grown into it. I love doing it. Any time they want to teach me something I agree."

In that same vein, Crowe said that she feels very comfortable working at the theatre. People show her a lot of respect, and she says she enjoys seeing all the new faces and interesting actors and workers that come through the drama.

"It's been a really good experience. How friendly everybody is and

how open-armed they are. They welcomed me into the theatre."

Crowe said that she wants to continue to build her repertoire of sign language, and she said she is also interested in using her abilities in other forms. She is happy that "Unto These Hills" has given her a public space to grow and learn to be comfortable being around so many people.

"I'm very shy but I'm still able to perform in front of people. I have the courage to show what I can do and show that I can help other people understand."

At the end of the day, Crowe loves sign and loves the theatre. She said that if people hear her story, she just hopes that it encourages them to try something new and push themselves to do the things they love.

"If your heart tells you that you want to do it, then

trust in your heart. Go have the greatest experience you've ever had. If that's your passion and what you love to do, then jump and do it."

Crowe performs with every preshow for "Unto These Hills", which is performed at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee six days a week. The drama is currently playing, and this summer season runs until Aug. 20.



Tim Hill Memorial Fish **Tournament results**

The 2022 Tim Hill Memorial Fish Tournament was held in Cherokee on July 8-9. A total of 232 anglers registered for the event with 55 tags being turned in out of the 237 tagged fish.

Officials from the EBCI Agriculture and Natural Resources Division stated, "A slow, stormy weekend with brief periods of heavy rain resulted in low tag turn-ins for this tournament. Thanks to all our anglers who braved the brief stormy weather over the weekend and still brought in winning tags during this year's Tim Hill Memorial Fish Tournament. A huge thank you goes out to our local vendors who diligently go out of their way every day to provide an extraordinary service to visitors wishing to fish our mountain rivers and streams. You are deeply appreciated."

Dwayne Lossiah, of Cherokee, was the big winner for the tournament catching a \$500 fish as well as a \$100 fish. Other winners include: \$100 Charles Arch, Cherokee; James Miller, Bowersville, Ga.; Lossiah. \$50 - Gregory Smith, Clermont, Ga.; William Patrick, Vancent, Va.; Sonay Dalton, Tellico Plains, Tenn.; Franklin LeBaron, Dawsonville, Ga.; Lawrence Queen, Cherokee; Ronald Walker Sr., Cherokee; and John Teesateskie, Cherokee. A total of 43 anglers won a \$25 prize.

Officials noted, "Join us for our final tournament of the 2022 season and try your hand at bringing in the big \$5,000 tag. The Qualla Country Fish Tournament happens Aug. 27-28, 2022, with a total of up to \$20,000 cash prizes available. Different colored tags range from \$25 up to \$5,000 for this event and tag turn in times are from 2pm-4pm both tournament

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Constitution vs. Charter: Article V Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article V - Executive Branch

The Executive powers shall be vested in the Executive Officers and shall constitute the Executive Branch of government for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief and a Vice-Chief.

Section 2. Qualifications. In order to run for and/or serve as Principal Chief or Vice-Chief a candidate must be a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; must be at least thirty-five (35) years of age either by the date of the upcoming General Election or upon entering into service; and must have legally resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of filing for election.

Clause 1. Disqualifiers. No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who have been found guilty in a court of law for aiding, abetting, counseling, or encouraging any person or persons of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or any of its entities. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony.

Current Charter

Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief.

Section 9. In order to run for or serve as Principal Chief, Vice-Chief, a candidate must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band. For the offices of Chief and Vice-Chief a candidate must also be at least thirty-five years of age by the date of the election and have resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the election.

Section 17. No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who shall have aided, abetted, counselled, or encouraged any person or persons guilty of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or themselves have defrauded the Tribe, or who may hereafter aid or abet, counsel or encourage anyone in defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony.

Article V is being presented in parts. More on Article V next week!

In the proposed Constitution, we are establishing the branches of government. This Article is about the establishment of the Executive branch that is made up of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief. These first couple of sections of Article five of the Constitution, section 1 and 2 are very similar to sections 4, 9 and 17 of the Charter.

Why does the Chief and Vice-Chief have to be 35 or older? Though it is not necessarily true, it is felt that more life experience could bring more wisdom to a position that can affect thousands of people and millions of dollars and the future of the People.

What does "defrauding" mean? According to the Collins Dictionary of Law, the definition of defraud is "to take away or withhold money, rights, property, etc., from a person by fraud; cheat." If someone has been found guilty in a court of law of defrauding the Tribe, illegally taking from the Tribe, should they have the chance to be in charge? Suppose someone is convicted of bank robbery should they be allowed to run a bank?

Why include disqualifiers for office? Voters may not have all the information about candidates to make an informed decision. The reason to disqualify candidates is to "protect" the voter from possibly voting for someone who has cheated the Tribe in the past or other serious crimes that voters may not be aware.

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John Norman Driver

John Norman Driver, age 60, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022 at Mission Hospital following an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Driver; children, Charaya "Shay", Josh, and Silas; sisters, Alice Driver of Marshall, Lucille Blackfox and Carolyn Tooni (Larch), both of Cherokee; special aunt, Elnora Thompson; special brother, Sam Thompson; 10 nephews; seven nieces; several great nieces and nephews; brother-inlaw, Dudley Lequire; sisters-in-law, Angie Brady and Andrea Lequire; special sons, Chayton Hernandez and Damian Blanton; aunt, Nan Brown of Robbinsville; motherin-law, Susie Lequire of Cherokee; special daughter, Anna Mintz; and special friends, Ben Swayney, Faye Catolster, and Edna Bradley.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. John G. Driver and Nellie Ann Thompson-Driver; infant daughter, Angel; brothers, Roy Driver Sr. and Joe Driver; sister, Jeanette Driver-Jumper; one brother-in-law; two nieces and two nephews.

John loved serving the Lord, being outdoors, and he loved watching sports, especially the Kansas City Chiefs. John also liked to ride around and look at the wildlife. But, most of all, he loved his family.

A funeral service was held at Yellowhill Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 12 with Forman Bradley and Matthew Tooni officiating. Burial was in the Driver Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Moses Lossiah

Moses Lossiah, 73, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, July 8, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late David and Lydia WIlnoty Lossiah.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one son, John Moses Harlan; brothers, Sambo, Bill Candy, Johnny, and Dickie Lossiah; and two sisters, Luzene, and Suzane Lossiah.

Moses was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hughes Lossiah of Bryson City; one brother, Paul Lossiah and wife Ruby of Cherokee; one sister, Linda Swimmer and husband Dwight of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, July 13 at Big Witch Baptist Church. Rev. Noah Crowe officiated with burial at Lossiah Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Eugene (Stiggy) Stigman

Eugene (Stiggy) Stigman, 73, of the Birdtown Community, went peacefully to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. A native of Minnesota and longtime resident of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Helen Stigman.

He is survived by his wife of 30+ years, Maxine Hill Stigman; three sons, Eugene Hill and wife DeAnne of Cherokee, Brandon Ward of Cherokee, and Lloyd (CB) Stigman and wife Brandi of Boston; two daughters, Valeria Stigman, and Sherry Stigman both of Boston; grandchildren, Jacob, Danica, Jada, Dakota, Dennis, and AJ; one brother, Jerry Stigman of Pelican Lake MN; one sister, Lynette Jacobson of Racine, Wisc.; one aunt,

Marge in California; and several nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Jimmy (Bo) Craig

Jimmy (Bo) Craig, 64, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, July 14, 2022. A native of Buncombe County and longtime resident of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Garland and Lucille Craig. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Donald Ray Loftin.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Norma West Craig; three children, Shauna Oocumma and husband Clint of Cherokee, Deb Perry of Cherokee, and Jaikab Craig and wife Sheena of Bryson City; grandchildren, Izzy Maney (Frankie), Carys Craves; great grandchildren, Lyric Ludwig, Huxley Ludwig, Kylo Bark, and Aliyah Simmons; sisters, Evon Owensby, Jeanette Wright (David), Holly Mc-Mahan (James), and Sandra Buckner; brother, Tim Craig; special nieces and nephew, Pippa, Harper, and Spencer Welch, and several other nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were Monday, July 18 at Macedonia Baptist Church. Revs. Dan Conseen and Merritt Youngdeer officiated with burial at Armachain Cemetery.

Ben Allen "Ben-Wa" Swayney

Ben Allen "Ben-Wa" Swayney, age 60, passed away on his birth-day, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, after an extended illness.

Ben is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Mary Elizabeth (Sequoyah) Swayney; daughters, Mary Ann "Bugg" Swayney, Charlene Swayney-Rich (Mike), and Tonya "Tom-John" Carroll-Maney (Dave); grandsons, Benji Swayney (Pooh), Damion Clark, Dakota Swayney; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Hoss Jumper, Robert Swayney (Kay); sister, Mary "Poppins" Evans; aunt, Gwen Wildcatt; and several nieces and nephews. Family members and friends that also survive, special grandchildren, Sarah "Sarah Bell" Beck and family, Kelcie Taylor (Mel) and family, Richard Maney and family, Riana Rich and family, Shannon Rich and family, Hailie Tadlock, and Brian Wellmon and family.

Ben was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Swayney (Flora); mother, Lily Ann Wolf (Van); baby daughter, Samantha Almetta Swayney; sisters, Laura Lee Jumper and Nancy Edwina Jumper; nieces, Jackie Jumper-Porter, Melissa Jumper; nephew, Michael Jumper; Leauna "Aunt Tootsie" Gloyne; and ong-time friend, John Norman "Troll" Driver.

Ben worked at Jackson Paper from 1983 until 1997. He then worked at Harris Regional Hospital as a maintenance man and phone technician. He also spent some time traveling to Kansas doing construction. Ben worked as a maintenance technician at Harrah's Cherokee Casino for 15 years until he was unable to work any longer. Ben always cheered for the Cherokee Braves in any sport, and he loved his Los Angeles Rams! But, most of all he loved his family. He loved his grandsons more than anything in the world (he would always say).

Per Bens' wishes, he wanted to be buried as soon as possible or within 24 hours of his passing. The family honored his final wishes and had a direct burial on Thursday, July 14. Ben was buried in the Hill Family Cemetery on Soggy Hill Road. Pallbearers were Sam "Lil Allen" Maney, Jon Mark Maney, Jerry "Deano" Sampson, Dave "Pinhead" Kalonaheskie, and JT Wildcat. Honorary Pallbearers were Lamar "Sty" Wildcat, Justin Wildcat, Anthony Sequoyah, and Shannon "Plop".

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements

Richard Thomas McCoy (Rick)

Richard Thomas McCoy (Rick), age 54, born April 11, 1968, unexpectedly went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Rick was an avid outdoorsman who loved being in the woods hunting. He also enjoyed picking wild greens, mushrooms, ramps, and ginseng. He also carried on the Cherokee tradition of bead work and carving. When he was younger, he played football and wrestled for the Cherokee High School. He also sang with his mother and sisters at Big Cove Baptist Church. Rick was a carpenter by trade and worked several years as a wildland firefighter. Most importantly he was a loving father to his son Eli.

Rick is survived by his only son, Eli Timothy McCoy; his father, Richard James McCoy; his brother, Richard James McCoy II "Little Richard"; his sisters, Lizzie McCoy-Bernal (German), Deidra Fowler, Lisa Penick (Charles); aunts, Katherine Smith, Faye McCoy, Mary Ella McCoy, Mildred Ann McCoy, Agnes Bradley, Peggy Oocumma, Frances McCoy, Maxine Burgess, and Bertha Braddock; and uncles, Kenny "Feet" Smith, Albert Lee McCoy, and Larry Paul McCoy. He is also survived by three nieces, six nephews, 10 great-nieces, six great-nephews, cousins, and many friends that he considered as family.

Rick is preceded in death by his loving mother, Mary Smith Mc-Coy; his grandparents, Russell and Elizabeth Smith, Tom and Emily McCoy; and several aunts and uncles.

He was laid to rest alongside his loving mother. There was a graveside service on Tuesday, July 19 at the Lizzie Smith Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger McCoy, Mike Oocumma, Roy Bradley, Will McCoy, Omar Yañez, John Cameron George, Dezmond Shelton, Alvin (Bodie) Tolley, and Jarrett Wilnoty.

Long Funeral Home assisted the family in the final arrangements.

Robert Lee Axelong

Robert Lee Axelong, 75, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday morning July 14, 2022.

A native and a lifelong resident of Cherokee, he was born Aug. 14, 1946 to the the late Richard and Dora Axelong Bigmeat.

Robert worked for several years as a waiter and host at the Boundary Tree in Cherokee and then got into logging for a while. He also enjoyed landscaping and welding. He eventually retired from EBCI Tribal Sanitation. One of Robert's part time passions was volunteering as a firefighter. He was a Member of Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was loved by all that got to know him.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Josiah Teesateskie, Mabel Teesateskie Walkingstick, Nancy Jane T. Brown, Russell Bigmeat, Winnie Lou Bigmeat, Carolyn Bigmeat, and Sarah Bigmeat.

He is survived by his son, Shane Axelong; brother, Edwin "Tony' Bird; sister, Roseanne Bigmeat Ziska (Don); several nieces and nephews as well as his extended family of staff and residents at Tsali Care Center.

A graveside service was held

Sunday July 17 at Washington Cemetery on Jenkins Creek Rd.

An online registry is available at www.appalchainfuneralservices.

Joshua Brent "Cubby" Squirrel

Joshua Brent "Cubby" Squirrel, 35, of Cherokee passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Helen Groenewold of Cherokee and the late Joshua Squirrel, Jr.

He was a graduate of Cherokee High School and attended Southwestern Community College. He was an Indian Dancer and attended Pow Wows and other competitions in several states. He enjoyed football and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his children, Marilyn, Theodore and Damiyn Squirrel, and Kendrick Jose'-Lee Gonzalez.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 19 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Brother Dan Conseen officiated with burial in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Ricky Benny Jumper

Ricky Benny Jumper, 53, of the Snowbird Community of Robbinsville, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022, at his residence.

He was the son of Jeanette Smoker and the late Jeremiah Jumper.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Lyle Jumper of Robbinsville; daughter, Shantel Teesateskie of Kingsland, Ga.; brothers, Nathan Jumper and Kenny Garrett of Robbinsville, David Welch of Old Fort, and Daniel Seay of Cherokee; sister, Phyllis Jumper of Robbinsville; grandchildren, Wes Jumper, Kaniya Teesateskie, Kyzik Teesateskie, and Cassidy Sudderth; nephew, T.C. Jumper and niece Melissa Seay.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 19 at the Little Snowbird Baptist Church. The Reverend Scott Chekelelee officiated. Burial followed in the Hickory Gap Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kenny Garrett, David Welch, Kyzik Teesateskie, Wes Jumper, T.C. Jumper, and Lyle Jumper.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jumper Family. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome.com

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2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

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1 tablespoon chopped shallot

2 tablespoons water

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper Crudites, for serving

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Annual native plant conference returns to WCU campus

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University will host the annual Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, bringing an international contingent of botanists and gardening enthusiasts to campus, beginning Wednesday, July 20, through Saturday, July 23.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge all Saturday programs and events, to be held at WCU's Ramsey Regional Activity Center, with a plant sale and vendor booths from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Presentations include Katie Davis from 9-9:30 a.m. on "Plants of Promise," followed by Denisha Carly and Anne Spafford with "Let's Talk Pollinator Gardening: Plan, Plant and Maintain Successful and Beautiful Pollinator Gardens" from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and Shelby Jackson's "Great Native Plants for the Home Garden" at 11-11:45 a.m.

Paid conference events are already at capacity, with registration closed. The conference is designed to increase interest in and knowledge of propagating and preserving native Southeastern plant species in the landscape, and includes regional field trips by vehicle, hikes and canoe, workshops and presentations. Speakers and topics scheduled include Kim Eierman on reducing pollinator decline with ecological gardening; Emily Driskill on propagation methods for native plant species; and Tommy Cabe and David Anderson on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians native plant restoration.

Participants typically include landscape architects, commercial nursery operators, garden club members, botanists, horticulturists from state highway departments, universities, native plant societies, botanical gardens and arboretums. The agenda allows for informal sessions to exchange ideas, network and share materials.

For more information, go to nativeplants.wcu.edu or call (828) 227-7397.

- Western Carolina University release

NATIONAL PARK BRIEFS

Park invites public to review Balsam Mountain Water and Wastewater Environmental Assessment

Great Smoky Mountains National Park seeks public review of the Balsam Mountain Campground and Heintooga Picnic Area Water and Wastewater Environmental Assessment (EA) through Tuesday, July 26. The park is proposing to rehabilitate the water and wastewater systems, which were originally built in 1953-55.

Located on the North Carolina side of the park at about 5,300 feet in elevation, the campground and picnic area are open seasonally, typically mid-May through mid-October. The proposed improvements would support visitor services in this remote location by continuing to provide safe drinking water and proper wastewater treatment and disposal, while reducing system maintenance requirements.

To minimize inconvenience to visitors and campers, most construction would be scheduled while the campground and picnic area are seasonally closed. The new systems would require construction of a short maintenance road in the developed area.

The EA is available online for public review at the link provided below. The public is invited to review the EA and provide comments through the following portals:

- On the web (preferred method) at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/BalsamHeintooga2022EA
- By mail:
 Great Smoky Mountains National
 Park
 ATTN: Balsam Mountain and Heintooga EA
 107 Park Headquarters Road
 Gatlinburg, TN 37738
 - National Park Service release

Greenbrier roads, trails, and picnic area temporarily closed due to flooding

Great Smoky Mountains National Park temporarily closed roads, trails, and facilities in the Greenbrier area of the park to all motorists and pedestrians due to flood damage. On Tuesday, July 12, the Porters Gap area received an estimated 8.72 inches of rain within several hours around 9 p.m. according to National Weather Service Doppler radar. This area of the park recently received approximately five inches of rain over the last week, resulting in already saturated soils before the storm cell produced flash flood conditions along the Middle Prong of the Little Pigeon River.

"We remind everyone to be mindful of weather forecasts and to be prepared with an emergency plan before heading out into the backcountry as these popup storms can cause the rivers to rise rapidly," said Deputy Superintendent Alan Sumeriski. "Just last Friday, emergency responders from the park and Gatlinburg Fire and Rescue successfully rescued a 13-year-old boy from rising flood waters in the Chimneys Picnic Area. Please exercise caution when recreating near or attempting to cross rivers in the park."

Preliminary damage assessments include significant road washouts along the Porters Creek Road, culvert damage, and washed

out footlogs on Ramsey Cascades Trail. The temporary closure includes all roads, Greenbrier Picnic Area, Greenbrier Picnic Pavilion, Ramsey Cascades Trail, Porters Creek Trail, and Backcountry Campsites 31, 32, and 33. Old Settlers, Brushy Mountain, and Grapeyard Ridge Trails will continue to be open, but hikers cannot access these trails from the Greenbrier area during the closure and should plan their routes carefully. Hikers should be prepared to turn around if they encounter high-water river crossings or damaged trail conditions along these routes.

More information will be provided about the repair schedule after assessments are completed. For public safety and the efficiency of response operations, the area is closed to all pedestrians until further notice.

For more information on water safety, please https://www.nps. gov/grsm/planyourvisit/watersafetv.htm. While water recreation is not recommended in the park, park officials remind those who choose to swim, tube, or kayak in park waters, that in addition to fluctuating water levels, significant hazards can exist both above and below the water. Proper personal protective equipment, including closed-toe shoes and helmets, is recommended for anyone kayaking or using tubes. The use of life jackets while in a recreational floating vessel, including tubes, is required for children under the age of 12 in Tennessee, children under the age of 13 in North Carolina, and recommended for all adults.

For more information about temporary road closures across the park, please visit the park website at http://www.nps.gov/grsm/plan-yourvisit/temproadclose.htm.

- National Park Service release



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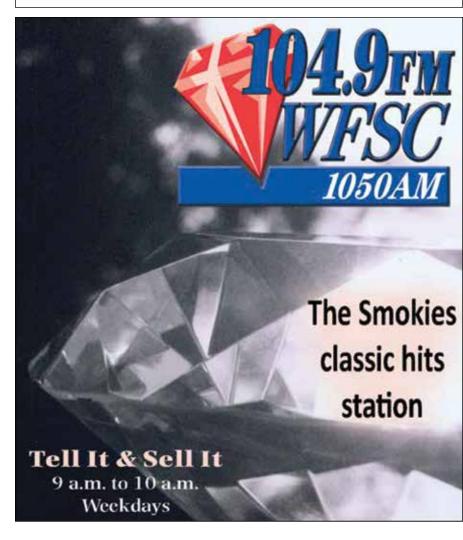




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commentary The community wants your best.

By ROBERT JUMPER

One Feather Editor

At our next tribal election, you will be making a decision that will affect how we are governed. You might say that we do that every election and to a certain extent, you would be right. Deciding who will sit in the seats of power is a decision that has lasting impact on our community.

This time we will be deciding how we want to select those who may sit in those seats.

There will be referendum questions on the September 2023 ballot that will propose to change the way we elect our Tribal Council seats.

We must educate ourselves, and I hope we all keep an open mind about the idea of changing things if they will improve life and community among the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We must, as a community, discuss the good and bad. We together must weigh the cost of changing and of leaving things as they are.

The items that are currently scheduled to be considered are four-year terms, staggered terms, and term limits for Tribal Council seats. I believe the Constitution Committee is in the process of working with the community to get a finalized draft constitution out so that a referendum question may be put on the ballot for

community consideration in that same year.

The current draft constitution also has language to address staggered, extended, and limited terms. So, in effect, there may be two opportunities in the 2023 election to make your voice heard regarding the important question of Tribal Council seat terms.

Some of you understand completely and are ready to decide on this issue one way or the other. Some of you are confused about how proposed changes may work or how they may be beneficial to you and your family. And still others have yet to understand how important the question is or aren't engaged in the mechanics of tribal government and its impact on day-to-day tribal life.

Our Tribal Council currently

runs for office every two years. They do so because the Charter and Governing Document states that the terms of Tribal Council will be two years. So, every two years we put the entirety of our legislative branch and process up for potential change. Some have argued that this could put the Tribe in a leadership crisis should the voters decide to oust all or most of the sitting members of the Council. In addition, new representatives spend nearly their first-year learning "the ropes" of legislative governance. Their second year, along with the rest of the Council, they are limited to certain legislation they may consider because it is "election year". Tribal Council members spend that second year with the dual purpose of serving their terms and campaign-



ing to hold the seat in the next election.

Ever watch a Tribal Council session and hear a representative talk about "the speed of government"? Part of the lag in the consideration of certain legislation is due to the need to have terms long enough to follow it through from concept to implementation. Projects that stretch from a two-year term to the next face the possibility of sputtering and restarting, sometimes multiple times over what can be decades, support gaining and waning over the years.

The referendum question will ask if you want to change the law to make the term of a representative in Tribal Council to be four years. Four years would allow for Tribal Council to make decisions with the benefit of seeing more of the projects that they start through. New representatives would have time to learn and still be in office to make substantive change before facing elections for their seats.

There are some who feel that the constituency would lose a certain amount of power to vote out what they perceive as ineffective representatives, but the truth is that most Tribal Council members serve four or more years anyway. Incumbents in Tribal Council seats have a pretty good record of getting reelected to multiple two-year terms. We lose power when we become apathetic, regardless of the number of years we set for terms.

Staggered terms would allow the communities that make up our nation to focus on electing one seat at a time. It also provides communities with a way to make clear, decisive choices on leadership. Staggered terms are another safeguard against losing seasoned leadership en masse due to election. Historically, this has occurred. In one election, 10 of the 12 incumbents lost, leaving only two experienced Council members to rebuild the legislative branch.

Staggering the terms of Tribal Council seats has been made to sound very complex, but it is not difficult to implement. Once the people approve the implementation of staggered terms, in the next election following, when the votes are tallied for an individual community, the top vote getter would be installed for four years. The second-place vote getter would be installed for two years. In two years, an election would be held for only those seats that were installed for two years. At that election, the winner of the representative seat would be installed for four years. Then, elections would continue to take place every two years as each half of the Tribal Council whose four-year term was expiring would be up for election. It is a concept that has worked very well throughout the country, including Indian Country, and including our own EBCI Board of Education.

Term limits are probably the most controversial, and most painful, to discuss. In the referendum question, you will be asked if you agree to limit a representative seat to two consecutive terms. That means that a Tribal Council member, if this is implemented, would be able to be seated and then re-elected, but at the end of that second term, they would have to step down and not be eligible for consideration for election for at least one term.

One dictionary definition of cronyism is "the appointment of friends and associates to positions of authority, without proper regard to their qualifications". The explanation is straight forward. We live in a very tight-knit

nation where everybody pretty much knows something about everybody. And of the 16,000-plus members of our Tribe, there are a few whose names are immediately recognizable. And of those few names, Chiefs and Tribal Council members enjoy incredible recognition. And rightly so. They are the people we have elected to lead, to be out in front of the tribe, as both caretakers and role models. If "everybody knows your name", you have a significant leg up on someone who is an unknown, even if that unknown is better educationally and experientially qualified to carry out the duties of office. Personally, it is hard for me to vote against someone who is a personal friend or even potentially a relative. And I know it has to be

Term limits allow breathing room for both voter and candidate. With only tens of votes separating winner and loser in Tribal Council elections, and only a couple of thousand casting votes (in some cases, hundreds), it just make sense to have a pause button to allow for reflection and fresh ideas to surface. It allows for that relatively unknown candidate who might have a platform and social agenda that could revolutionize tribal life for the better to have a fighting chance in tribal elections. Listen to those representatives who have sat out for a term or two due to losing races in their communities, and then regained their seats. They say that they came back with a better appreciation of their duty to service, and that it enhanced their sense of humility, and made them feel more responsible to do a better job for the people. I believe those are benefits anyone in elected office would appreciate and want. I know I want my representatives to have a

solid commitment to service, to be humble, and to be more accountable. Don't you?

I want to hear your thoughts on the referendum questions that will be voted on in September 2023. We need to talk this through, the pros and the cons, as a community. If you believe we don't have good leadership, you need to know that things won't get better unless we, the community, make change. If you believe that we have good leadership, then let's do what we can to sustain good leadership. That is working together to improve the structure by which our Tribal Council seats get elected.

Good Housekeeping

Salmon Sliders

This recipe is a fun and creative way to use up leftover wine. These bite-sized sandwiches also make a great party snack to complement your favorite bottle.

- 6 hot dog buns, toasted 1 pound skinless salmon, cut into chunks
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup wine
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise, for sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- In food processor, pulse 2 toasted hot dog buns into crumbs; transfer to bowl. Pulse salmon until chopped.
- 2. Mix with crumbs, green onions, 1/4 cup wine, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Form into 12 patties.
- 3. Bake on foil-lined pan in 425 F oven 10 minutes or until cooked through. In saucepan, boil 1/2 cup wine on high until reduced by half, stirring; chill slightly.
- Toast 4 more buns, cut into thirds.
 Whisk wine into 1/3 cup mayonnaise; serve with patties on buns. Makes 12 sliders.

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What's in a name? We should be the Eastern Cherokee Nation

By CYNDI LAMBERT

Birdtown Community

Allow me to propose an idea...
I've thought a lot about the history of our Tribe and our joint history with the other two Cherokee Tribes and feel like the name that we ultimately adopted (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) is not truly who we are.

For instance, think about this...would we ever call North Korea, the northern Band of Korea? Or how would South Carolina like to be called the Southern Band of Carolina? Or West Virginia be called the Western Band of Virginia? And I could go on....but the point is, I think our name does not give us the proper recognition of who we are. We are Cherokee and we are our own Nation. We are not a "band" of the Cherokee Nation. We are, in fact, the "Eastern Cherokee Nation".

I remember, as a child, we all used to refer to our Cherokee brothers and sisters in Oklahoma as the Western Cherokee. And you can find many references in historical accounts to the Cherokee Nation - West; and also to the Cherokee Nation - East.

In the late 1800s the Western Cherokee's were totally disorganized and there was no central or recognized government. The government was "dissolved" and it wasn't until four years after the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 that the western Cherokee reformed in 1938 to be called the "Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma".

In the meantime, all throughout the late 1800s and thru the early 1900s we continued to exist and to survive as a Nation of people and continued our traditions and our unique Cherokee culture and heritage that we had since time began. We were gaining communal property, fighting and winning legal battles in courts, representing our Nation during a time when the federal government was removing recognition from Tribes and dissolving tribal governments. And we survived... we survived the onslaught of land thieves and the United States and State governments trying to steal everything from us, we survived the attempted genocide from the state and the federal troops, we did what we had to do to stay in our homeland, continue our traditions, culture and way of life. And we never dissolved or quit as a government. We have always been the home of the Cherokee Nation.

The western Cherokee (also officially known as the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) in the 1990s changed their name to "Cherokee Nation"; as is their right to do, just as it is our right to change and correct our name and how we are recognized.

For us to continue to call ourselves a "Band" connotes that we are somewhat inferior or less than a real Tribe or a true Nation. While many years ago our tribal government attempted to correct this inferiority issue by renaming us as the "Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation"...this only made

the matter worse.

As a matter of fact, the current Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Chuck Hoskin Jr., recently published an article on July 10, 2022 wherein he wrote that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are only a 20th century creation - that we are merely a band of his Tribe. He states that, "Notwithstanding the federally created separate bands of Cherokees in the 20th century" that the split (that happened on the Trail of Tears and those individuals who sold out the Tribe) was 'resolved'."

He attempts to paint us merely as band of his Tribe and insist that we are all unified under the Cherokee Nation. He states, "Because of that – most notable because of the July 12, 1839, Act of Union – a unified Cherokee Nation stands strong today."

I strongly disagree with his comments and say it is time for us to claim our own history... and that is that we are the Nation that still remains in our homeland and will not allow another Tribe to assume our sovereignty as a federally recognized Tribe. The Western Cherokee Nation is free to exist and they need to respect that we have as much right to exist and claim the title as a Nation as they do. We are the Eastern Cherokee Nation and they can continue to be the Western Cherokee Nation. I say let us drop the name of "Band" and take our rightful position as a Nation.

I will never forget how the Western Cherokee Nation over

the past several years always tries to take a position of superiority over the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB) and even try to position that same attitude with us. In recent years they did, in fact, attempt to stop us from taking land into trust over in Venore, Tenn. claiming they were the true Cherokee Tribe. And they even had one of the Congressman from their area try to block the transfer, but Chief Lambert during those early negotiations stopped that from happening and we never played second to them.

Our name is important and should reflect the fact that we are a Nation. We are the original Nation. Just as a country or a state would not call themselves a "Band", neither should we.

I believe a more proper name that we should call ourselves is the "Eastern Cherokee Nation" and we should work to legally change this name in all official federal and state government documents and correspondence.

I firmly believe that our name should not signify inferiority or anything less than what and who we are, we are the "Eastern Cherokee Nation".

This is my opinion. What are your thoughts? Should someone start a referendum petition to accomplish this? And/or should our Tribal Council step up and pass an ordinance to accomplish this? Or, does it even matter?



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Cherokee Indian Hospital 497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT

Transit Main Line Dispatch 359-6300

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

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Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line 497-9163

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

HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living Program) -

contact is Stephanie Welch 359-6638

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

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

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

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

> EBCI Domestic Violence 359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance 507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic 554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center 497-6866

Snowbird Senior numbers

James Jones, Snowbird site supervisor, 346-6744 Samantha Teesateskie, Senior Services coordinator, 346-6745

> Tsali Manor main line 359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line 835-9741

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





speaking of faith Each person has a purpose...

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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

Continued from last week... Acts 16:16-34, 2 Corinthians 11:24-33

When God got hold of Paul, everything changed and turned around. Pastor Tim said, "I don't want to hear from anyone, 'I've gone too far.' 'I've seen too much.' 'I've been into too much,' and 'Pastor, you don't know what I've done.'

"That's because I do know what Jesus has done by His dying on that cross of Calvary and that it has also set me free from it all. Yes, Thank You, Lord. I have heard it all in these last years."

"Well, Pastor Tim, let me get cleaned up, then I'll come to Jesus."

"Things' don't always work that way. One must come to Him, just like they are with whatever factors are involved, whatever 'it' is. He's willing to help them see how to do the clean-up work necessary for overcoming 'it', especially when they are seriously seeking Him. 'It' must really need His help to see where and how they can clean up for good. If a person could have done all the work by themselves, they would have already done so. If one could do it all by their self, they probably would have already been trying hard accomplish it, but cannot be really sure 'it's' done as much as is needed. One has to know that each person and He together could have already done 'it' for sure. However, why not take care of "it" now? He can and wants to help each listening and hoping person to make this a sure happening in their own life, and before they get much older." Procrastination or hesitation usually means there is an enemy at work in the "it", too. Opportunities should always be for "right now", and He can always make things much easier for

"Am I doing alright?" We really need each one of us to hear and heed this, because, at the end of the day, there is sitting in your seat, a person who can certainly realize how amazing they are to be and are here for a reason today.

"Oh, not me! Can someone be saying that?"

Yes, I am talking to each one, to every person. Each one of us was made in the Image of God. Even this ole preacher. "How do you know?" This ole preacher tells everyone here and now. If anyone is to be the last one, or the only one, still here, Jesus still would have died on that Cross of Calvary, and just for them, for you, and for me. That old hymn, "When He Was on the Cross, I Was On His Mind" always brings this to my mind.

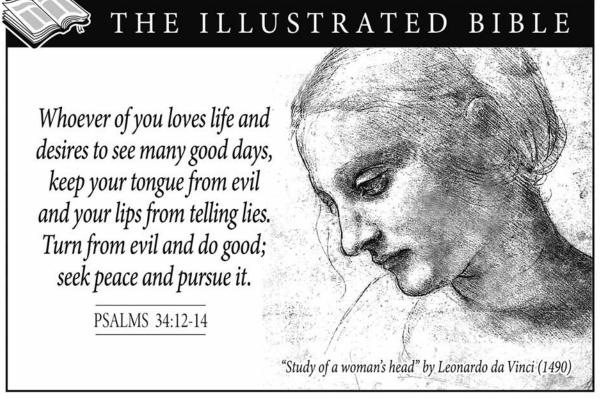
"Pastor Tim wasn't always a preacher, so, can I just be honest?" he asked. "I've been doing this a long time. I grew up in a good preacher's home. My Dad's been preaching in the same church now for over 43 years and is still going strong. Seeing miracles every day, because God is ministering and moving and doing amazing things all over the place. Every weekend now he has begun to go and preach on the streets of Asheville talking with the drug addicts and prostitutes there.

"However, I have found even a good pastor can't get you there. Only Jesus can. I can only lead a person to Him, I came with a quick message tonight, but a powerful one. All are here because God has a reason for their lives. Amen. Who has been talking to you? Everybody? Why? Because it's time we get busy doing what it is God has created us to do. Yes, come on in. It's time to begin to flourish. It's time to begin to operate in the Anointing of God."

A question came, "Pastor Tim, where do I start?"

"Start with developing a relationship with God. Amen. We need to be seeing that Christianity is not a religion. I know we've all been told that it is. In fact, if a person looks at any application or whatever, it'll say, What religion are you? I'd like to put "none", but someone would ask, 'Aren't you a Pastor?' Yes, I am, but what is meant is I am not a partaker of religion, because Christianity is not a religion, it's all about a relationship with God. Religion says, "I have to do certain things in order to make my God love me, which is why we feel we have to do do the things we do, burn candles and whatever else that is stated is required, right? But the Bible tells me first, He loved us first. A religion is a relationship. If one treats it like a religion it may not ever work right, but when a person considers it as a true relationship, it cannot miss."

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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- Is the book of Zechariah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- In 2 Peter 3:3, what shall come in the last days walking after their own lusts? Politicians, Scoffers, Fools, Serpents
- What was the hometown village of Jeremiah, a biblical book author? Anathoth, Neapolis, Patara, Sodom
- From Genesis 14, what city was Melchizedek the king of? Nineveh, Salem, Jericho, Rome
- In Matthew 27, what position of authority did Pontius Pilate hold? Doctor, Governor, Saint, Pharaoh
- From Genesis 4:9, who asked, "Am I my brother's keeper"? Joseph, Cain, Abel, Seth

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- TELEVISION: Which "Star Wars" character did Tina Fey dress as in the sitcom "30 Rock" to avoid jury duty?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest desert in Africa?
- HISTORY: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
 ANATOMY: Where in the body is
- blood produced?
- MOVIES: Which movie features a theme song titled "Dueling Banjos"?
- 6. U.S. STATES: Which state was the first to make same-sex marriage legal?
- 7. SCIENCE: Where did the first manned spacecraft land on the moon? 8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-
- century Southern novel features a character named Frankie Addams?
- 9. MUSIC: What is the first movie that featured the singer Elvis?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which company's slogan once was "At the corner of happy and healthy"?

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Breakfast Fundraiser and Bake Sale. July 30 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tsali Manor. All proceeds will go to support the Senior Citizens Annual Trip. Biscuit, gravy, grits, bacon or sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, and coffee or juice for

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club July activities:

 Scrapbooking every Monday evening at 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Activity Center

The Way We See the World: **Exploring Indigenous Repre**sentation in Film. July 22 at the Mountainside Theatre. Panel with Indigenous filmmakers at 6 p.m., film screenings start at 7:30 p.m., Q&A with Indigenous filmmakers at 8:30 p.m., VIP reception at 9 p.m. The evening features screenings of six acclaimed documentary and narrative short films from Native writers, directors, and producers including: Sterlin Harjo, Brit Hensel, Keli Gonzales, Anthony Sneed, and Peshawn Bread. Info: https://mci.org/learn/ programming/film

Splish Splash Shopping Bash.

July 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Donate Life Meetup and

Walk. July 30 at 10 a.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the **UltraStar Multitainment Complex** at Harrah's Cherokee. This event is for transplant recipients, living donors, people waiting for a transplant, and people thinking about becoming an organ donor. All ages are welcome. Info: Sarah Bruneel (954) 501-5215

Ledford-Greybeard Family Reunion. Aug. 6 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. Games, prizes, food. Bring a dish and enjoy the fun. Info: Irma Bradley 497-9680, Robyn Bradley 736-0402, Tammie Ledford 497-7998

2022 EBCI Royalty Pageant schedule

- Little Miss Cherokee. Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Miss Cherokee. Sept. 29 at
- Junior Miss Cherokee. Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Miss Cherokee. Oct. 1 at 6:30

All pageants will be held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Cherokee Central Schools.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

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

Qualla Country Fish Tournament

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

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

to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, https://fishcherokee.com and https://www. facebook.com/fishcherokee

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 Powerlifing Federation to participate. \$15 late fee after Aug. 1. Info: Jesse Rodger (423) 255-3672, www.southernpowerlifing. com

UPCOMING POW WOWS

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse



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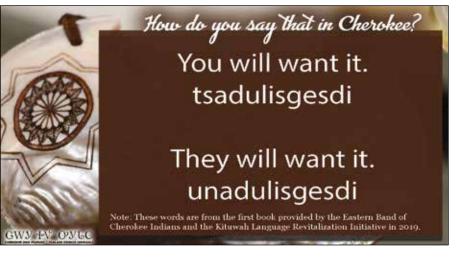
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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Scoffers; 3) Anathoth; 4) Salem; 5) Governor; 6)



- Princess Leia
- The Sahara
- President Theodore Roosevelt, Peace Prize
- Bone marrow
- "Deliverance"
- Massachusetts
- Sea of Tranquility
- "The Member of the Wedding"
- "Love Me Tender," 1956
- Walgreens
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any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

Celebrating the People Pow Wow. July 23 at South Jordan City Park in South Jordan, Utah. MC: Harold Begaye. Host Drum: Iron Colt. Info: Chelsea Mohawk (801) 362-6987, ladiimohawk@ gmail.com

Yellowhorse Pow Wow Celebration. July 23-24 at Collegedale Commons in Collegedale, Tenn. MC: Faron Weeks. Host Drum: Goose Creek. Info: Tammera Hicks (423) 240-7270, NA-Services.org@gmail.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND

Indivisible Swain County



(828) 497-7384 * cherokeecinemas.com

meeting. July 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items to be discussed include action steps for 2022 priorities, letters to editors, voter registration, and environmental issues. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas. For the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

95th Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival. Aug. 4-6 at

7 p.m. nightly at the Lipinsky Hall Auditorium at UNC Asheville. The nation's longest running folk festival features some of the best of the region's traditional and old-time musicians, ballad singers, mountain dance groups, and cloggers. Tickets on sale now at Eventbrite. com. Info: www.folkheritage.org

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

by Freddy Groves

MEMBERANS \star POST \star

Doing It on Your Own

The headline of this column could actually be "What to do when your local veterans group doesn't step up to help other veterans.

Because, yeah, it happens.

Mostly it's for compelling reasons the members might be older (I saw an unofficial citation showing that the average age of American Legion members is their late 60s). For the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was early 70s. I believe it. Or post membership might have dwindled to the point where there are many on the roster but only a few who actually show up for meetings. But if you're faced with this situation and you want to focus on helping other veterans, there are a few things you can do on your own or with some likeminded buddies.

If your veterans group is willing to part with money to help other veterans, take the cash. Make suggestions and get their votes on how it should be spent.

Start with Voluntary Services at the local Veterans Affairs medical center. They can always use donations of money and time. In one calendar year, volunteers toted up 2.6 million hours. Parking lot shuttle driver, office assistant, book cart, dining room companion, mail delivery to wards, transportation van driver ... the possibilities are many.

Even outside the VA world, you have options to help needy veterans and their families. You can do grocery shopping for elderly or infirm veterans, mow lawns, corral skilled carpenters and tradesmen to do home repairs, do taxes if you're a CPA and even match companies with unemployed veterans.

Make inquiries at homeless shelters that serve a lot of veterans and ask what help you can provide. It might be as simple as washing dishes. It might be delivering cases of food from their supplier. You might be playing checkers after lunch or handing out dry socks.

Whatever you do, however small, to help another veteran, can make a difference. You don't need to be part of a group to do it.

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Lobby for Community Pet Waste Stations

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: The sidewalks of my small town are often littered with dog waste. There is a town ordinance requiring owners to pick up after their dogs, but it's clearly not being enforced. I read that installing pet wa ste stations throughout the community can greatly reduce this problem. How do I convince the town to do this? -Gloria G. in Ohio

DEAR GLORIA: Dog waste stations, which provide small plastic or compostable waste pickup bags and a covered can to dispose of poo, can not only improve the sidewalks in your town, it can improve water quality in local streams and lakes. Runoff from piles of dog poop add nitrogen and phosphorus to nearby water systems, depleting oxygen and endangering aquatic life.

You can help fix this by calling attention to the problem and getting community support for pet pickup stations.

- 1. Contact your local municipality. Find out how to put forward a pet waste proposal. Sometimes one is on the table already; learn how you can join an ongoing effort to get approval for pet waste stations.
- 2. Install a pet pickup bag dispenser. If local ordinances allow it, set up a waste bag dispenser at the edge of your yard or driveway.
- Enlist others in the cause. The best allies in this initiative are other responsible dog owners who you meet walking their dogs. Start a conversation, then a Facebook group, then an inperson meeting. The more stakeholders in the initiative, the faster it can happen.
- 4. Be prepared for pushback. You'll have to answer questions like: How will the town pay for these stations? Who will maintain them? Are there other property or HOA issues to consider?

It may take time, but with a little research and some positive conversations with neighbors, your town's dog poo problem could soon be a thing of the past.

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

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HAPPENINGS: Event listings, from page 25

Jackson County Schools Back to School Bash. Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Recreation Park in Cullowhee. Free event for families. Free meal, school supplies and backpacks, sports physicals, immunizations, clothing, haircuts, school information, face painting, and more.

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.coweeschool.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

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

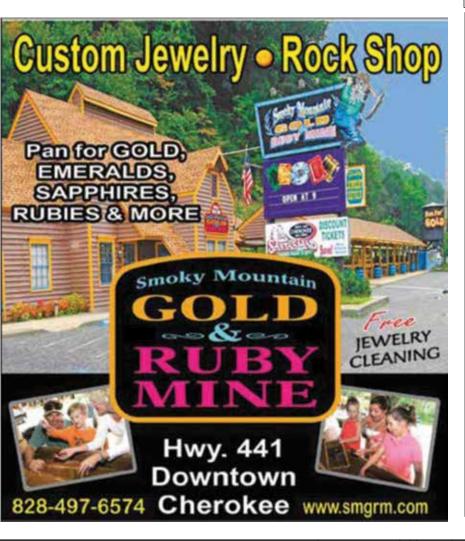
Event listings are FREE of charge. Send your listings and/or event flyers to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message them to us on Facebook.



A program to help plan for healthcare wishes is available now.

Call Liz or Turner at 828-227-2893

Visit www.EBCI-ACP.WCU.edu to learn more



MISSING PERSON

Madisyn Keisha Iron Road

Female Age: 21

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'8"-5'9" Weight: 125-140

lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact:

December 16, 2021

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Last seen in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on December 16, 2021. She has several ear piercings.

If you have seen Madisyn Iron Road, contact Detective Seth Meier, Sioux Falls Police Department (605) 367-7212.

Source: Namus.gov



TRADING POST DGA&J D& 80J0J

Tony's Handyman Services. Painting, Laming Flooring, Rustic Fences, Yard Mowing, Pressure Washing. All kinds of carpentry repairs. Call or text (828) 736-0816. 8/31

SEEKING

Seeking a two-bedroom trailer in Cherokee. 788-5654.

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) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises you're not sure you're ready for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for their actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter their lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, correct it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A coworker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles - the more challenging, the better.

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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 back ground and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposti 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

CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:

(2) FT RESIDENT COUNSELOR; (6) PT RESIDENT COUNSELOR

AGELINK:

TEACHERS (\$14.00-\$17.00/HOUR); (1) COOK ASSISTANT AT SNOWBIRD (\$10.00/HOUR)

BUS:

(10) PT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (10) PT TRUCK DRIVERS

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES:

(2) SKILLED CARPENTERS (2) CARPENTER HELPERS



Customer Service Representative

Remote

- Full Time
- 2-4 Yrs Experience
- High School Diploma/ Equivalent

Wireless Field Technician

Bryson City, NC

- Full Time
- 1+ Yr Experience
- High School Diploma/ Equivalent

Site Survey Field Technician

Franklin, NC

- Full Time
- Experience Preferred/Will Train
- High School Diploma/ Equivalent

Please Submit Your Resume To: mharris@balsamwest.net

Health, Dental, & Vision: 100% Employee Paid Premium Life Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability: Paid in full 401(k) Plan: 100% employer match up to 3% contribution and 50% match up to 5% contribution. Immediate 100% vesting. Available after 90 days of employment.

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EMPLOYMENT

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BUNCOMBE COUNTY

In the Buncombe County District Court

Herren v. Herren: Ellen Marie Herren;

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed (in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than September 23, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 20th day of July, 2022. Tanya Allison Plekan, Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box

Asheville, NC 28801 **8/10**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
Fire Station and CDOT Parking
The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians CDOT Office is requesting
Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following

services: Pavement removal and replacement, erosion control, pavement markings for the existing parking lot at the Acquoni Road Fire Station and the Cherokee Department of Transportation Employee Parking. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be July 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-

359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **7/20**

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Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
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Fire Station and CDOT Parking

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Pavement repair, pipe replacements, overlay of existing pavement, pavement marking and snowplowable reflectors on Straight Fork Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be July 29, 2022, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all





TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **7/20**

PROJECT: JUNALUSKA CULTURAL COMPLEX for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Eastern Band of Cherokee In-

dians (the "Tribe or EBCI") Project Management Office, is seeking the services of qualified Construction Manager at Risk firms to provide preconstruction and construction services for the development of 32 Acre Cultural Complex in Robbinsville, North Carolina. The master planning and programming phase of the project are complete. A copy of the Junaluska Cultural Complex Master Plan, dated May 2022, is attached within the request for proposal information for reference by potential Construction Manager at Risk firms. A detailed breakdown of the facilities can be reviewed in the Request for Proposal package.

The project site is located at 774 Tapoco Road, Robbinsville, NC, 28771.

There will be a mandatory proposer meeting on-site at: 11:00

am local time, Tuesday, 26th July 2022. Proposals will be received by: 11:00 am local time Tuesday, 19th August 2022 at which time and place proposals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any proposals received after this time will not be considered. Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to the proposals and award of this project. It is the responsibility of the Construction Manager at Risk firm to insure delivery and receipt by the Project Management Office.

Proposals sent by email should be directed to the attention of: Attn: Monica Lambert, Project Management Program Email: Monilamb@ebci-nsn.gov Phone: (828) 359-6700 Copy Chris Greene: chrigree@ ebci-nsn.gov REQUEST FOR QUALIFICA-TIONS PACKAGE INFORMA-TION:

Project Representative: McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture Contact: Lorna Bolkey Email: lbolkey@mcmillan-pazdansmith.com Phone: (828) 398-5016 Complete Request for Qualifications and all attachments for this project can be obtained digitally from the Project Representative: McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture LLC (contact information above). The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and to

reject proposals. **7/20**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
Paving Minor Roadways

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Pavement of five roads or sections of roads in Swain, Jackson and Graham Counties. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be August 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **7/2**7

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.

GWY 4-V° O-Y 6-C

CIPD (828) 359-6600





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE:

Grant Coordinator - \$52,339 - \$65,424 Patient Registration Clerk (Grant) \$17.12 - \$19.26 Contracting Officer \$24.55 - \$27.99

ENGINEERING:

EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77 Food Service Worker \$15.00 - \$16.77

EXECUTIVE:

Administrative Assistant - Engineering / Performance Improvement \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89 Residential Technician (Female) – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay) **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available -\$56,891 - \$68,269 **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$39,576 - \$49,470 Registered Nurse – Grant Funded Position - \$33.68 - \$38.72

OPERATIONS:

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67 Pedodontist - \$139,732 - \$174,665 Optician - \$22.76 - \$25.89 Ultrasound Technologist - Part Time Intermittent - \$24.55 - \$27.99

MEDICAL:

Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient - \$139,732 - \$174,665 Physician - Primary Care - \$139,732 - \$174,665 FNP/PA - Primary Care - \$80,863 - \$101,079 Advanced Practice Provider - Emergency Room - Part Time Intermittent \$97,036 - \$121,295 Clinical Dietitian - Full Time & Emergency Hire - \$45,512 - \$56,891

NURSING:

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 ** \$3,000 Hiring Bonus

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

RN Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 ** \$3,000 Hiring Bonus

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

Registered Nurse Full Time & Part Time Intermittent – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Licensed Practical Nurse – Tribal Justice Correctional Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\$4,000 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 Specialty Services Nurse Manager (\$69,219 - \$86,523) Massage Therapist (\$45,512 - \$56,891) Acupuncturist (\$60,190 - \$75,238) Chiropractor (\$69,219 - \$86,523) Scribe Program Coordinator (\$19.66 - \$22.25)

TSALI CARE CENTER:

Assistant Administrator - \$52,339 - \$65,424 Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Certified Nursing Assistant - Part Time \$17.12 - \$19.26 Housekeeper - \$16.01 - \$17.95 Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77

TRIBAL OPTIONS:

Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$60,190 - \$75,238

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

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

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



Apply online at https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/ onlineapp/ or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

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

- Special Education Parent Support Specialist
- Elementary Social Emotional Learning Consultant
- Elementary School Counselor
- Elementary Teacher
- Cherokee Language Instructor
- Full Time Elementary Special Education Teacher Assistant STARS
- Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Middle School Special Education

Teacher

- Speech Language Pathologist
- JV Cheer Coach
- JV Women's Basketball Head Coach
- Custodian
- Middle School Licensed Professional Counselor
- School Nurse Middle School
- High School Math Teacher
- Menu Planner Child Nutrition Assistant
- Technology, Engineering, and Design Teacher
- Auto Mechanics Teacher
- Food Service Worker 4 hr
- Food Service Worker 6 hr
- Part-Time Security



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday July 24, 2022

- 1) Bailiff: CIPD Corrections Law Enforcement (L8 \$36,500 \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Sergeant Probation: CIPD Corrections Law Enforcement (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 3) Crew Leader Plumbing: Qualla Housing Services Housing Division (L9 \$40,105 \$50,121) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4) Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant: KPEP Department of Education (L6 \$30,357 \$37,946)
- Budget Analyst Grants Coordinator: Transit Operations (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
- 6) Watershed Coordinator: Natural Resources Agriculture & Natural Resources (Lo \$40,105 \$50,121)
- 7) Law Clerk: Tribal Court Judicial Branch (L11 \$48,162 \$60,202)
- Office & Human Resources Administrator: QB Head Start / Early Head Start - PHHS (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
- Maintenance Utility Worker: Qualla Housing Services Housing Division (L4 \$25,261 \$31,581)
- 10) Truck Driver: Tribal Construction Operations (L6 \$30,357-\$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Carpenter Helper: Qualla Housing Services Housing Division (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

Open Until Filled

- 1) Detention Officer (Multiple): Detention Services Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- PT Paramedic (Multiple): Emergency Medical Services Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center Community Education & Recreation Services (1.4 \$25,261 \$31,581)
- 4) Certified Nursing Assistant: Tribal In-Home Care Services PHHS (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 5) Driver (Multiple): Transit Operations (I.4 \$25,261 \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 6) Teacher (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start PHHS (L7 \$33,250 \$41,574)
- 7)Teacher Assistant (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start (L3 \$22,990 \$28,732)
- Real Estate Associate Attorney: Tribal Realty Services Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
- Social Worker (Multiple): Family Safety Program PHHS (L10 843,956 - \$54,950)
- Legislative Financial Director: Tribal Council (L21 S116,354 -S145,421)
- 11) Corrections Officer: CIPD Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE
- 12) Business & Tax Specialist: Budget & Finance Treasury (L8 \$36,500 \$45,625)
- 13) DV Administrative Assistant/Asst. Project Coordinator; DV Program Public Health & Human Services (1.4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 14) DV Intake Technician: DV Program Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27 642 \$24 541)
- (L5 \$27,642 \$34,541)
 15) Tribal Prosecutor II: Criminal Law Department Office of the Attor-
- ney General (L18 \$89,580 \$110,970)
 16) Office Administrator: Cherokee Choices/Nurse Family Partnership —
- PHHS (L6 \$30,357 \$37,946)
- Child Advocate Coordinator: Heart to Heart Program PHHS (Lo \$40,105 - \$50,121)

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.

