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New Police Chief ready for challenge

Cherokee Police Chief Carla Neadeau steps up for her community

> **By JONAH LOSSIAH** One Feather Staff

Blindsided is one of the only ways to describe Carla Neadeau as she was stepping into her new role.

The now interim Police Chief of the Cherokee Indian Police Department was most concerned about the ongoing audit for the Tribal Jail that she was working through. Her focus quickly had to shift when Police Chief Josh Taylor told her he would be stepping down and that she was his top choice to step into the role.

"I didn't know if I wanted to do it or not. I kept telling him that I didn't know. That I was very hesitant about doing it," said Neadeau. "Because I've seen Police Chiefs come and go when new people are elected in. I'm the type of person that doesn't want to play politics. If I'm going to get a job, I want to apply for it and get it. That's how it's going to work anyway, right now, because I'm just interim. I will have to apply for it if I decide to apply for it."

After taking everything into consideration, Neadeau knew that the department her needed to take on the opportunity with confidence.

"My main purpose for taking this position is because I care about the people and the officers here. I talked to Josh about it. I told him I would do it because I want someone in here that's going to take care of our people."

Taylor said that offering the role to Neadeau simply made the

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CIPD Interim Police Chief Carla Neadeau (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



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most sense.

"Carla had the most years of experience as a captain, but I've known Carla since 2008. She has been a great person to me. A great friend. She cares about the community. I know that she is always looking to progress. I know that in the past she has been aggravated because the PD wasn't growing at a positive rate, even though she was trying."

Taylor said that Neadeau helped him significantly during his time with the Tribe, both before and during his run as Police Chief. He said that they have different management styles, but that he has full confidence in her ability to step into the role and lead the department.

"I learned from Chief Carla Neadeau and also Captain Carrie Wade that you can be a strong manager and leader, and you don't have to be overly vocal. I'm a very vocal leader. I like to talk, I like to push. But they have a management style that has proven to me that you can be a very effective leader and not have to be overly vocal about it. They set the pace and the standard by their actions."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said that he was happy to work with the recommendation provided by Taylor.

"She brings a wealth of experience, she's very strong on policy. Very well respected by the officers. Knows the department inside and out, has been there for a very long time. I think she has the temperament. When the Vice Chief and I met with her, she said 'my last thing, what are your expectations?' I said that we want to see what has been happening in the enhanced presence and patrols, keep the foot on the gas. That's what our expectation is, but more importantly, it's what the expectation of our citizens is."

Chief Sneed said that they made a quick decision because they trust Neadeau and Taylor's judgement. He said that this an interim role, but he's hopeful that it'll be a position that she can thrive in and hold moving forward.

"Obviously, we want to promote from within. I tell people all the time, police departments are paramilitary organizations. Whether people realize it or not, they are. To me, the only time that you bring in somebody from the outside is if you have a department that's in crisis. You have to essentially bring a fixer in to set things right. We're not at that point. In fact, under Chief Taylor's leadership, the structure has been strengthened and corrected. I believe Captain Nadeau is the right person to continue to move the ball forward."

Neadeau shared this sentiment with the Principal Chief, stating that she is thankful for the work Taylor put in over the last 11 months.

"I think he left it in a really good place. The morale has gone up within the department. He made a lot of changes. He made uniform changes. Overall the whole department was really happy with him. There's going to be a few that don't agree with changes that he was making, but he was making them for the better of the community and the department."

One of the major changes that Taylor implemented was garnering the ability to discipline and terminate 'at-will'. This power transitions to Neadeau.

"I know a lot of our people here were afraid of who was going to get the position whenever he announced that he was leaving because of the at-will. I had a lot of them come to me asking me who was going to be in charge. "

She said that she is just focused on the quality of work. Neadeau said that she does not want to take the position for granted.

"I will go by policy. I'm not going to pull someone in here and say, 'oh, you're fired because I don't like you'. I'm not that type of person. I always want to work with people first. We still are going to follow the procedures that Josh said he was going to do in Council and see how they work out."

It has been a whirlwind for Neadeau

the last few weeks, but she is locked-in and ready to continue the work she has been energized by the last year. She said that she already has several major pieces she's trying to take care on.

"Getting a team back out there that's going to work on the drug problem. That's going to be their main focus. Doing license checks, getting out there and getting the drugs off the street. I've been working with the captains and working on building a team that's going to be part of investigations, but they're going to work with this team so that they're tied handin-hand. These investigators can work on the bigger cases."

Neadeau is also still the main person in charge of running the jail. She said that she is currently working many late hours to ensure that the jail is taken care, as that was one of her main hesitations when looking at the Police Chief position.

Across the board, Neadeau said that she is confident in the leaders that are in the department right now. She wants to continue to listen to and empower her staff.

"More training for our guys. There are some that need more training. Right now, we are fully staffed on patrol. We do have some probation positions open that haven't been advertised because we're tweaking the job descriptions right now. But there are a few of those that will be advertised soon."

Something as simple as having a full patrol unit is something that brings a smile to Neadeau's face.

"It's been a long time since they've been fully staffed. It's been a few years. Probably more than a few years."

Neadeau said that it's an honor to be entrusted in the role and that she wants to work tirelessly for her people. She said that the safety and growth of her Cherokee people is her paramount focus.

"The Cherokee Indian Police Department is often called to respond to the worst event in someone's life. Like a car wreck, robbery, or assault. The community having trust that its police are working hard to make them safe is incredibly important to its overall well-being. Reducing trauma to our children by combating crimes like drug trafficking and interpersonal violence is how we make things better for the youth in the next seven generations."



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TVA repatriating remains of 86 ancestors to EBCI

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

The ancestral remains of 86 individuals are being repatriated to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). They are from an archaeological dig in the northern part of Alabama in Lauderdale County.

"This is not the largest reburial that the THPO has completed, but it is quite a large number of ancestors amid a complex project," said Miranda Panther, EBCI NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) officer. "I would say that this reburial has been one of the longest ongoing undertakings that we have participated in, as there have been numerous looting incidents throughout the years, delays in getting an inventory finalized, and unique protection considerations to be taken into account."

Marianne Shuler, TVA senior specialist, archaeologist, and tribal liaison cultural compliance, said of the site, "1LU496 is a well-known significant archaeological site that contains over 9,000 years of occupation. The site was excavated by the University of Alabama in the late 1980s thru early 2000s and held multiple field schools to train archaeologists. This site became the focus of intense research into the earliest occupations of the Tennessee River Valley in north Alabama. The years of excavations that occurred at this site resulted in the removal of Native American ancestral remains and funerary objects."

Panther spoke of the repatriation process, "We started the NAGPRA consultation for Lauderdale County, Alabama (1LU496) in June of 2020 with 15 other southeastern tribes. The consultation process was fairly routine, but it is of note that the NAGPRA assemblage from this site consists of both a pre-1990 collection (before NAGPRA was published) and a post-1990 collection. The three co-lead tribes on this project are the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and the EBCI. EBCI THPO staff will be traveling to the site in mid-July to complete the reburial."

Shuler spoke of the ongoing relationship between the TVA and federally recognized tribes. "Over the past 10 years, TVA has made great strides in the return of ancestral remains and other sacred items to federally recognized Indian tribes who once lived in the Tennessee Valley. Returning these ancestral remains and sacred items to tribes is required for federal agencies under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). To date, TVA has successfully repatriated over 9,000 ancestral remains and over 170,000 funerary objects to Tribes. We have made a lot of progress, but we still have more work to do to ensure all ancestral remains are returned to Tribes."

She noted that all entities are working together against looting. "Following the archaeological field school, the cave became a target for illegal looting. Unpermitted removal and excavation of archaeological resources is a felony offense under the Archaeological Resource Protection Act. Illegal excavations were documented at the site in 2008, 2012, 2017, and 2019. This looting destroyed most of the remaining intact archaeological deposits and desecrated ancestral remains and funerary objects. Unfortunately, TVA was unable to identify any suspects in their investigations."

Shuler added, "Looting and the desecration of Native American sites remains an ongoing issue on public lands in the United States and is of primary concern for Tribes and TVA. We work very closely with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office to combat looting and to promote the protection of archaeological resources. I am extremely appreciative of the EBCI THPO staff and their willingness to partner with TVA on this important work."

While this is a definite success for the EBCI, the work continues. Panther noted, "The EBCI THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) is currently involved with approximately 110 other NAG-PRA projects that are in different phases of completion. We have five to six additional reburial projects tentatively planned for the remainder of the year. Our office averages five to 10 reburials per year at different locations throughout the Southeast. We are looking forward to getting back to those pre-COVID levels. The THPO also has future reburials in process with TVA. We're excited to continue our NAGPRA efforts with them."

The largest repatriation to date for the EBCI THPO was in September 2018 when staff reburied the remains of 177 individuals and 616 associated funerary objects in Dover, Tenn. The remains and funerary objects were from eight sites in Kentucky and Tennessee and were housed previously at the Webb Museum at the University of Kentucky and the McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

Good Housekeeping

Peach Clafouti

This country-French dessert pancake typically calls for cherries but is just as delicious with peaches and almonds. We love the puffy golden treat warm with whipped cream.

- 3 medium (about 1 pound) ripe peaches, peeled and sliced
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half or light cream
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour 6 tablespoons margarine or
- butter, melted and cooled 2 tablespoons almond-flavor liqueur
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup sliced natural almonds

 Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease shallow 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Arrange peach slices evenly in casserole.

2. In blender, combine eggs, halfand-half, flour, melted margarine or butter, almond liqueur, vanilla, salt and 1/3 cup sugar; blend until smooth. 3. Pour batter over peaches; sprinkle with almonds and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.

4. Bake clafouti 35 to 40 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Cool on wire rack 15 minutes (clafouti will deflate as it cools). Serve warm. Serves 8.

• Each serving: About 275 calories, 15g total fat (4g saturated), 89mg cholesterol, 185mg sodium, 29g total carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 6g protein.

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EBCI Pageant Board announces pageant schedule

Miss Cherokee 2021-22 Tyra Maney is shown shortly after her crowning at the pageant held on Oct. 5, 2021 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center (CAC) Theatre. The EBCI Pageant Board has announced that this year's pageants will also be held at the CAC Theatre as follows:

- Little Miss Cherokee Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Miss Cherokee Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- Junior Miss Cherokee Friday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Miss Cherokee Saturday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Yona Wade, EBCI Pageant Board member, commented, "The Board has chosen to hold the pageants in the Theatre for two reasons: (1) it's important that our contestants have a consistent place to rehearse, preferably in their performance space; and (2) it will allow the new winners to reign the entire week of the Fair." (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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Supreme Court rules that states can prosecute non-Indians in Indian Country

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday, June 29 that states now have the ability to prosecute non-Indians who commit crimes in Indian Country. In a 5-4 ruling, the Court overturned Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta case from the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

Victor Manuel Castro-Huerta, a non-Indian in Tulsa, Okla. was convicted of child neglect of his then-5-year-old stepdaughter, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and he was sentenced to 35 years in prison. Several years later, the Supreme Court case of *McGirt v. Oklahoma* found that the U.S. Congress had never disestablished the Creek Reservation which, therefore, classified a large swath of territory in the eastern part of Oklahoma as Indian Country.

As a result, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals vacated Castro-Huerta's conviction. According to Wednesday's ruling, "While Castro-Huerta's state appellate proceedings were ongoing, a federal grand jury in Oklahoma indicted Castro-Huerta for the same conduct. Castro-Huerta accepted a plea agreement for a 7-year sentence..."

The opinion of the Court, written by Justice Brett Kavanaugh, states, "We concluded that the federal government and the State have concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians in Indian Country. We, therefore, reverse the judgment of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals and remand the case for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion."

Justice Kavanaugh, who was joined in his opinion by Justices John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, and Amy Coney Barrett., further wrote, "Indian Country is part of the state, not separate from the state."

Justice Neil Gorsuch, who dissented along with Justices Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagan, wrote, "This Court has no business usurping congressional decisions about the appropriate balance between federal, tribal, and state interests. If the Court's ruling today sounds like a legislative committee report touting the benefits of some newly-proposed bill, that's because it is exactly that. And, given that a nine-member court is a poor substitute for the people's elected representatives, it is not surprise that the Court's cost-benefit analysis is radically incomplete. The Court's decision is not just a juridical interpretation of the law's meaning; it is the pastiche of a legislative process."

EBCI Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, "The recent United States Supreme Court decision in *Oklahoma v. Castro Huerta* is an affront to tribal sovereignty and further exacerbates the injustice caused by the inability of tribal nations to assert jurisdiction over non-Indian individuals who commit crimes on tribal lands against tribal citizens."

"The Court's majority opinion, written by Justice Brett Kavanaugh, found that states have criminal jurisdiction over many criminal acts committed by non-Indians against tribal citizens on tribal lands, in direct violation of over 100 years of settled Indian law doctrine...this decision by the Court insinuates that tribes may not be separate sovereigns at all but are, in fact, part of the state in which they reside."

Chief Sneed added, "This decision overturns roughly 200 years of High Court precedent that recognized the inherent rights of tribal nations to self-govern, free from state interference. If the Supreme Court is truly interested in seeing justice for the victims of violence crimes in Indian Country, then it should look to overturn *Oliphant v. Suquamish* (1978) and allow tribal nations to exercise their jurisdictional authority over all individuals who commit crimes on tribal lands."

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt opposed the McGirt ruling and applauded the ruling in Castro-Huerta in a statement, "Today's ruling is a clear victory for all four million Oklahomans, the state of Oklahoma, and the rule of law. I am heartened that the Supreme Court ruled in our favor, allowing Oklahoma to prosecute non-Natives who violate the law and protect Native victims. Since the Court's 2020 McGirt decision, federal prosecutors have declined thousands of cases like Castro-Huerta, a non-Native who monstrously abused his 5-yearold Native stepdaughter. Justice has been delayed and denied to thousands of Native victims in our state for no reason other than their race. Now, Oklahoma law enforcement can help uphold and enforce the law equally, as we have done for over a century."

The decision was met with opposition from Indian Country, especially from tribal leaders in Oklahoma.

"With today's decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against legal precedent and the basic principles of congressional authority and Indian law," said **Cherokee Nation Principal Chief** Chuck Hoskin Jr. in a statement. "During arguments, Justice Gorsuch asked if the Court would wilt today because of a social media campaign - it is unfortunate that the answer appears to be yes. The dissent today did not mince words - the Court failed in its duty to honor the nation's promises, defied Congress's statutes, and accepted the 'lawless disregard of the Cherokee's sovereignty'."

Fawn Sharp, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) president, noted in a statement, "The Supreme Court's decision today is an attack on tribal sovereignty and the hard-fought progress of our ancestors to exercise our inherent sovereignty over our own territories...the Supreme Court has dealt a massive blow to tribal sovereignty and Congress must, again, respond."

Quapaw Nation Business Committee Chairman Joseph Tali Byrd, noted in a statement, "Today, the United States Supreme Court rendered a decision that is an affront



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to tribal sovereignty and erodes centuries of well-settled federal Indian law. By inserting itself into an area reserved specifically for Congress, SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States), signals that plenary power is no longer absolute when it comes to Indian affairs."

Chairman Byrd, a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, went on to state, "The Quapaw Nation remains steadfast and committed to ensuring public safety for all citizens within our reservation and will continue to work with the State of Oklahoma in a concurrent jurisdiction framework."

Choctaw Nation Chief Gary

Batton, said in a statement, "We are disappointed in this ruling, but we respect the authority of the Supreme Court, and we will integrate its decision into our continued efforts to provide effective criminal justice in our reservation. As always, we will continue to work with law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and tribal level. To be clear, this ruling does not affect the main holding of the McGirt decision, which affirmed tribal sovereignty and requires the United States to uphold its treaty obligations. Our focus remains on protecting our members, as well as all 4 million Oklahoma residents."

Federal legislators and officials also reacted to the ruling.

Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.) praised the ruling in a statement. "Since the 2020 Supreme Court decision in *McGirt*, the FBI has been overwhelmed prosecuting criminal cases in Oklahoma. The Supreme Court's decision today affirms the responsibility of federal and state officials to work together to pursue justice for victims of crimes on reservation land."

Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-N.M.) called the ruling "a direct assault on tribal sovereignty" and said, "This shocking decision erodes bedrock protections for tribal sovereignty and has far-reaching implications for tribal jurisdiction, public safety, and federal resources. Never in American history have we seen a Supreme Court show such blatant disregard for settled law and fundamental rights protected by our Constitution."

U.S. Attorneys Christopher J. Wilson, Clinton J. Johnson, and Robert J. Troester said in a joint statement, "The United States Attorney's Offices in the Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma will continue to enforce federal law in Indian Country. We will also continue to coordinate and cooperate with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners as well as state and tribal prosecutors."

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CIPD Arrest Report for June 19-26

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.

Eggen, Caleb Jage – age 19 Arrested: June 21 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-trial Release

Climbingbear, Henderson Junior – age 74 Arrested: June 22 Released: June 23 Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 20 Arrested: June 22 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Probation Violation

Ledford, Mitchell James – age 31 Arrested: June 22 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Swayney, Dwayne Edward – age 52 Arrested: June 22 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Probation Violation Crowe, Sheena – age 40 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 23 Charges: DWI

Komenda, Melissa Blanch – age 31 Arrested: June 23 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Probation Violation, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Maney, Angela Louise – age 40 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 24 Charges: Drug Trafficking; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Oocumma, David – age 74 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 23 Charges: Assault on a Female, Elder Abuse and Neglect

Quinones, Carlos Robert – age 31 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 23 Charges: DWI

Reed, Austin Lee – age 23 Arrested: June 23 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Failure to Appear

Smith, Ashley Nicole – age 34 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 23 Charges: Probation Violation

Sneed, Thad Dustin – age 40 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 24 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Resisting Public Officer

Standingdeer, Virginia Sue – age 47 Arrested: June 23 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Cable, Sherry Lee-Ann – age 36 Arrested: June 24 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cox, Dontavious Juan – age 30 Arrested: June 24 Released: June 24 Charges: Temporary Hold

Lossie, Woodrow Wilson – age 18 Arrested: June 24 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Sexual Abuse

Smith, Ashley Nicole – age 34 Arrested: June 24 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Probation Violation

Duran, Sarah Emily – age 32 Arrested: June 25 Released: June 26 Charges: Breaking and Entering, Trespassing

Jones, Clay Silas – age 29 Arrested: June 25 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order; Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Kidnapping; Assault on a Female (two counts); First Degree Burglary (three counts); Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or other Communication Equipment; Interfering with Emergency Communication; Injuring Real Property; Domestic Violence; First Degree Trespass

Reed, Olivia Megan – age 33 Arrested: June 25 Released: June 25 Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Smith, Timothy Ray (Charlotte, N.C.) – age 53 Arrested: June 25 Released: June 25 Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Welch, Juliann Renea – age 23 Arrested: June 25 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Non-Compliance with Wellness Court

Myers-Bennett, Cody Lee – age 32 Arrested: June 26 Released: June 26 Charges: Citation Release

Rattler, Cornelia Iona – age 24 Arrested: June 26 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Grand Larceny, Resisting Public Officer, Second Degree Trespass

Sequoyah, Danica J. – age 25 Arrested: June 26 Released: Not released as of report date (June 27) Charges: Domestic Violence

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Taking it slowly at the Mound

Nikwasi Initiative taking measured steps towards development

> By JONAH LOSSIAH One Feather Staff

RANKLIN - The Nikwasi Initiative is looking for new ways to develop the area surrounding the Noquisiyi Mound (also known as Nikwasi) in Franklin.

Elaine Eisenbraun, executive director of the Nikwasi Initiative, said that the next phase of the plan is to focus on what is currently called the Dan's Auto building, which rests on the property next to the mound. This building is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), while the deed to the mound is currently held by the Nikwasi Initiative.

"The plan always was to put some sort of opportunity for learning in that building. Part of this plan with Equinox LLC was to convert this building into a learning center. It's the logical first step in moving forward with this honoring program," said Eisenbraun.

A major issue with the plan has been funding. Recently, the Initiative was awarded an opportunity to work with Appalachian Community Capital (ACC). On June 2, ACC announced those that would receiving support in their Opportunity Appalachia program. This seeks to assist community and cultural projects throughout the Appalachian states, including North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. In this release was the



The Nikwasi Initiative is looking for new ways to develop the area surrounding the Noquisiyi Mound (also known as Nikwasi) in Franklin. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Nikwasi Initiative.

"Development of a 7,048 sq. ft. former auto sales building into a cultural learning center adjacent to the Noquisiyi Mound ((also known as Nikwasi), the largest unexcavated Native American platform mound in the Southeast. The mound will be landscaped with native food plants that the ancestors of today's Cherokee would have grown or foraged and it will present awareness of the Cherokee connection to nature. Estimated costs total \$3.75 MM with anticipated job creation of 10 construction jobs and 14 permanent positions," stated the release.

Eisenbraun explained that their involvement in the project will not offer direct funding but will assist in aspects that will help get it off the ground.

"We saw an opportunity through Appalachian Community Capital. It's a CDFI, which is a community development financial institute. They were offering technical assistance opportunities throughout the Appalachian states. We applied and we were awarded some in-kind technical assistance. In-kind means that we will be receiving value and product services, but no cash money right away from this."

She said that she is looking for a fluid relationship with ACC. They will be offering suggestions for professionals they have worked with in the past and will have the ability to finalize who is hired. "What it's going to do is they are going to hire contract architects and engineers to help put the real final design together for this building to be what it can be. Also, part of the program, is they will help to do the fundraising. They'll have an investor convening. They'll bring angel investors and new market tax credit experts and banks and such altogether. To look at how to fund this project once the architectural design is complete."

Eisenbraun said that ACC's involvement has a projected value of \$75,000. The approach this project as shifted significantly over the last few months, with some doors to opportunity now seemingly closed.

"In all honesty, we tried to apply for EDA funding. Which would've been a much larger amount of money and we would've been able to take a bigger bite out of the project. But for a variety of reasons, that didn't work out. For me and for our whole board and others, people realized that when you're dealing with a project like this that touches so many people, you have to take small steps at a time. Rather than trying to complete the whole project at once." The discussed plan was to apply for \$5 million from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as part of the American Recovery Plan Act.

"It just became really complex. I think the primary fallout was the EDA anticipated that they were going to get a second round, a major round of funding out of Congress. So, they opened the door a little too wide, maybe. By the time we had everything together, because we were working with so many different partners on this, it took us longer than it might've taken some other organization to get all the pieces pulled together from each different organization."

Eisenbraun said that taking this approach will take longer but it can be done with more input from the local communities. It is quite a shift from making sweeping developments, but she said that being a third-party non-profit that is trying to work with Macon County, the Town of Franklin, and the EBCI has put them in a difficult situation to make those broad changes.

"We developed this plan for what we call a cultural district around the mound. Hopefully, one day that will come to fruition, but sometimes you have to take small steps to get a big accomplishment." The next steps will be finding additional funding opportunities and landing partners for design. She said that they are expecting architecture and engineering plans by late winter or early spring of 2023.

The message the Nikwasi Initiative wants to get across now is to open the discussion and receive ideas from tribal members.

"For people in the EBCI community, please reach out to us. We've already had in-depth surveys from EBCI members explaining what they want to see on that site. But there are specifics about that building that people feel are important, go to our webpage or email me. My email is on the webpage. Reach out, because we want to hear what you want. Because it's your building and your future."

You can learn more about the Nikwasi Initiative and their projects at https://www.nikwasi-initiative.org/. You can see the full list of receipts of Opportunity Appalachia can be found at https://appalachiancommunitycapitalcdfi.org/ wp-content/uploads/2022/06/ Opportunity-Appalachia-ACC-Announcement-6.2.22-1.pdf



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Pow Wow time

Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow held at Acquoni Expo Center on July 1-3 Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

















Grant, Poncho families host Danielle Poncho Memorial Jingle Dress Special



The Grant (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and Poncho (Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana) families hosted the Danielle Poncho Memorial Jingle Dress Special at the Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow on the evening of Saturday, July 2 at the Acquoni Expo Center. Danielle was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and was remembered for her kindness and community spirit. The winners of the contest (shown left to right in the above photo) were: Maia Montoya, Winona Tahdooahnippah, Kendra Eaglestar, and Michelle Winneshiek. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)













OBITUARIES JhfiFR



Lawrence "Eddie" Hill

Lawrence "Eddie" Hill, 65, of the Big Cove Community passed away at his home surrounded by his family and loved ones Monday, June 27, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Jesse and Yonnie Watty Hill.

He was a member of Straight Fork Baptist Church and Big Cove Free Labor. He loved playing softball for Big Cove, pitching horseshoes, gospel music, and turkey shoots where he would take his winnings to the community and give them to people who needed it.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Sylvester Hill; nephew, Tim Hill; niece, Dani Hill; maternal grandparents, Steve and Rachel Watty; and paternal grandparents, Levi and Laura Hill.

Eddie is survived by his special son, Marty Medina; granddaughter, Mena Medina; sister, Sandy Hill; brothers, Butch and Jay Hill; aunt, Maybelle Watty; three nephews, Dean, Pat, and Corey; nieces, Lena, Joni, Nat, Muffin, Bunnie, Jolena, Autumn, and Kiri; and several great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday, July 1 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Brother Matt Tooni officiated with burial in the Hill Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his great nephews.

Martin Louis Armachain Jr.

Martin Louis Armachain Jr., age 47, an EBCI member of Cherokee, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Cherokee Indian Hospital after a brief illness.

He is the son of the late Martin and Patricia Armachain. Those who also preceded in death are his grandparents, Sevier and Nellie Armachain, and Fred and Eva Bigwitch; two sisters, April and LeaAnn Armachain; and one brother, John Allen Armachain.

Martin is survived by his four daughters, Marilyn Walkingstick

(Kenny), Justice Taylor, Cecila Perez, and Emma Perez; son, Jacob Armachain of South Carolina; sister, Marlene Armachain (Marvin); five grandchildren, Tylan Walkingstick, Ana Maney, Christian, Ariella, and A wo di; nephew, James George; three nieces, Patricia Armachain, Marissa Wilson, and Martina Wilson; uncles, Charles Bigwitch and Ricky Armachain; aunt, Peggy Littlejohn; and second mom, Rebecca Bigwitch.

Funeral services took place in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Saturday July 2 with Pastor Gilburt Breedlove officiating. Burial was in the Armachain Family Cemetery on Swimmer Branch Rd. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



THE GOOD STUFF:

Sabrina Arch, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has obtained a Master of Arts in Organizational Development and Change from Fielding Graduate University. She is a member of the Big Cove Community, the wife of David Ethan Arch, and the proud mother of James and Noah Arch. Sabrina Arch currently works as the director of Enterprise Development for the Commerce Division of the EBCI. She enjoys her work and helping community members. (Photo contributed)

Smith represents EBCI at Girls in Science program

Shiyo Negada, Agasga Dagwadov. Hello everyone, my name is Jasmine Lorraine Smith. This past week I got to represent our tribe and experience a week of fun with science in nature. I was selected as one of the scholarship recipients to attend the Girls in Science program at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont.

It was a week-long overnight trip in the Smoky Mountains National Park. I completed collaborative research on the impact of various elevations on pollinators. We compared the activity of dragonflies, bees, and butterflies at the Highlands, Cades Cove, and Tremont. It was very interesting to see the increased activity around water sources at lower elevations, even with increased human presence. Throughout the week, we got to talk to some cool and inspiring people like Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe, who works at the University of Tennessee as the head of Urban Forestry. We also trekked through High Country with Park Rangers, studying habitats of terrestrial salamanders and lichen.

I really enjoyed hanging out with girls my age who are interested in science, sharing some of my culture and language with them, and learning some of theirs. There were girls from all over the country in attendance. My bunkmate was from California. We were selected for an interview with a National Science Foundation-funded program called Sci Girls in the National Parks. Through collaboration with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the program is researching how to improve future programs that seek to engage girls in science and the natural world. It's incredible that I got to contribute to a national research project that will help diversify science. The camp staff was fantastic and the food was delicious.

A special thanks to Erin and Annie for making the week such a blast. I hope to be a part of next year's program, and there will be more Native girls going too. - Submitted by Jasmine Lorraine Smith

WCU accepting nominations for Mountain Heritage Awards

CULLOWHEE – The nomination period is now open for the annual Mountain Heritage Awards,



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The Tire Shop 2661 Governors Island Bryson City, NC 28713 828-488-2005 which recognize contributions to Southern Appalachian history, culture and folklore.

Presented by the Mountain Heritage Center, recipients are honored during ceremonies at Mountain Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Western Carolina University.

Honorees are selected by a committee comprised of regional and campus representatives. The awards recognize an individual and an organization for distinguished service, accomplishments, influence or expertise in maintaining the cultural viability of the region.

Nominations should be five pages or less, with a list of the nominee's accomplishments, awards and recognition; information about the nominee's influence in the relevant field of expertise, such as crafts, music or organizational cause; or information about the nominee's role as a teacher, advocate, leader or curator of mountain culture. Include a website address if applicable; the mailing address of the nominee; the founding date for organizational nominees.

Recent recipients include author and educator William H. Turner of Harlan, Kentucky, and Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville.

Nominations should be delivered no later than Friday, July 15, to the Mountain Heritage Center, located in Room 240 of WCU's Hunter Library; mailed to Mountain Heritage Center, 1 University Drive, Cullowhee N.C. 28723; or email pameister@wcu.edu.

> - Western Carolina University release

Art being accepted for Cherokee Homecoming Art Show & Sale

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Cherokee Nation is accepting artwork for its annual Cherokee Homecoming Art Show & Sale. The show is being offered both virtually and in person Aug. 13 – Sept. 10 at the gallery adjacent to the Cherokee National Research Center, and the deadline for submissions is July 8.

The all-Cherokee, juried show is in its 27th year and is open to citizens of Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and United Keetoowah Band. Artists of distinction, including Cherokee National Treasures, UKB Tradition Keepers and EBCI Beloved Persons, are exempt from jury but must complete the online entry process by the July 8 deadline to participate.

Selected artists will compete for more than \$15,000 in two divisions: traditional and contemporary. The traditional division is defined as "arts customary to Cherokee people before European contact" and consists of three categories: basketry, pottery and traditional arts. The contemporary division is defined as "arts arising among the Cherokee after European contact" and consists of seven categories: paintings, sculpture, pottery, basketry, beadwork, jewelry and textiles.

Winning work will be announced at an awards reception Aug. 12 at 6 p.m., followed by the public opening on Aug. 13.

For additional information or to register and submit art, visit: https://www.visitcherokeenation. com/cherokee-homecoming-artshow-and-sale

- Cherokee Nation release

Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

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

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

Eligible households include families that have:

• Enrolled EBCI tribal member

• Must reside in one of the 50 United States of America

• Income below 80 percent of the area median income

• An obligation to pay rent

• A household member that has a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to COVID-19

• Experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness

Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

• Rent

Rental arrears

• Utilities and home energy costs

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Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

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

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

Good Housekeeping

Pork Tenderloin with Peach Glaze

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Take our survey to help us better serve the community. Upon completing the survey, you will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. Surveys are due on July 26, 2022. Five \$25 gift card winners will be drawn on July 27, 2022. Thank you!



To take the survey, you can scan the QR code with a smartphone, or you can use the following link. https://forms.office.com/r/ffviYmc3m8



2022 EBCI Extension Community Development Reservation-Wide Landscape Beautification Contest winners

The EBCI Community Development Division of the Cooperative Extension Center recently hosted a Community Wide Landscape Beautification Contest. This contest gave members of the community an opportunity to showcase the landscape of their homes and the hard work they invest in making their homes beautiful. Community clubs that participated hosted their own contest and submitted their first-place winners to the Extension Center for the community wide contest.

Entries were judged in the following categories: cleanliness, overall appearance, landscaping (lawn, trees, flowers), use of native plants, and use of decorative items, stones, bricks, walls, and fencing.

The winners for this year's contest were:

1st Place Award \$300 – Barry and Vickie Reed of the Wolftown Community

2nd Place Award \$200 – David Crowe of the Snowbird Community 3rd Place Award \$100 – Owen Walkingstick of the Yellowhill Community

- Submitted by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center



1st Place Award \$300 – Barry and Vickie Reed of the Wolftown Community



2nd Place Award \$200 – David Crowe of the Snowbird Community



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Beloved women and men



"Legends tell that in the fall of 1838, Tsali and his sons stayed in a cave on Indian Creek, a tributary of Deep Creek, while hiding from the U.S. Army. Following the capture of Tsali and his sons, some Cherokee people were able to remain on their land in this area. They may have been included by Will Thomas as one of his original even townships: 'Pretty Woman's Town', associated with the Long Hair clan. (Women warriors were known as 'pretty women' who with age might become "beloved women" and men who were renowned warriors became "beloved men", beloved because they

risked their lives for the people.)" Pictured: The late Lt. Col. Kina Swayney (right), renowned warrior and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Beloved Woman.

Source: "Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook" Photo: Cherokee One Feather

MISSING PERSON

Danny Leonard Wauneka Male

Enrolled with Navajo Nation Height: 5'9"-5'10" Weight: 220-223 lbs Age: 60 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Missing date: June 17, 2022

Last Known Location: Gallup, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: June 11, 2022, Danny left his residence without saying anything to anyone. On June



14, 2022, family members found out that Danny was released from the Gallup, NM Detention Facility On June 17, 2022, Dany was seen at the Al Zuni Gallup Jewelry Trading Post in Gallup, NM. He has not contacted family or returned home. He has a white hair on both sides of head and a mustache. Lower back above hip: 2" surgical scar; across the stomach-6" horizontal surgical scar. Last seen wearing beige cap with black working, white t-shirt with "Just Move It" on front, dark blue short cuts, white socks, gray house slippers.

If you have seen Danny Wauneka, contact the Navajo Nation Police Department-Chinle District (928) 674-2000. GWy 쇼V 아가니C

Source: www.namus.gov

Second Contraction Opinions ZPodet

commentary It is just a pet.

By ROBERT JUMPER One Feather Editor

Trecently posted a picture of Smoky, a chihuahua that was a part of my family for 13 years. He was eight weeks old when we got him. I have a picture of him in my hand on his first day with us. From head to tip of tail, he fit between my index finger and wrist, a tiny ball of fur, flesh, and bone. A tiny life.

Smoky was not our first pet. After I married my wife, she endured my flirtations with fish, birds, and even a tarantula named Rosie. She drew the line at reptiles, particularly snakes. When we wed, she was not a big fan of the idea of having an indoor dog (thus my trials with



Smoky

many other species).

But when my sister brought her six-month-old pup over to my mother's house one day early in our marriage, we met the pup that would melt both of our hearts and when we found out that my sister was willing to sell, we gave that pup a new home. He quickly and completely dug his paws into our hearts and for twelve years, was our constant companion. It was this pup that taught us that dogs, particularly ones kept indoors, become family. No everyday activity happened without the constant supervision of this little dog. Very few things happened around the house out of his sight. I started feeling like he was a government spy.

The night that he died is etched in my mind. We were getting ready to settle in for the night. The three of us would sit on the couch and watch our favorite shows, occasionally sharing treats. It was our practice to take a trip outside, a quartered-off section of the yard, especially designed for him to do his business in comfort and privacy. It just so happened that

night, an opossum had stopped by the yard in my puppy's spot and he found it. Chihuahuas have a reputation for being high-strung and extremely territorial, and mine was no exception. He had, early in his life, been diagnosed with a heart murmur. At age 12, he was also a little overweight, making him at least more prone to have a heart episode. So, his excitement over running the opossum out of his space did exactly that. When he came back into the house, he was acting a little sluggish. I saw him head for the room we kept his bed in and I heard a "thud" on the floor I went in and found him laying in the floor, tongue extended, and barely, irregularly breathing. I asked my wife to call the nearest emergency veterinary clinic, which at the time was in Hendersonville,





and let them know that I was on the way. I picked up my little dog and, by the time I got him to the car, he had passed.

The sense of loss I felt at that moment was easily equal to losing a human friend or relative. He had been in my home for twelve years, living pretty much like a child, with needs and wants, constantly wanting my attention and, most of the time, getting it. When I or the wife had an emotional need, he was right there with us. He basically had his own room in the house, with a ramp to his window so he could "guard" the front yard and sit in the sun during quiet times, which, if he had anything to say about it, were few. He had grooming, dental, and health appointments. He had a daily routine that had to be observed or you would hear about it.

Most of all, he loved. We were his pack. He wanted to be with us. It didn't matter if we were sad, mad, or indifferent. I would scold him for bad behavior and within minutes, he would be sneaking up to see if the storm had passed and to see if I loved him again. I truly believe that God put dogs on earth to be examples of what unconditional love looks like. It didn't matter who I was or what I did, I could be assured of acceptance and love from that little dog. And when you are treated that way, it is almost impossible not to love back.

I immediately swore off getting another dog. The hurt from the loss was so sharp that I couldn't think beyond it. I was certain I could never do that again.

After a few weeks, though, I was able to think about the joy and companionship. I also thought about what his little life might have been without us. And before long I was watching the papers to buy a new companion for our little family. And a couple of months after is passing, we met Smoky. How anyone could cup their hands around an eight-week-old baby pup and not fall in love with it, I do not know. Chihuahua puppies are so small and fragile looking that you wonder how they even survive. And we had never had one just after weening, so it would be up to us to train him to be a pack member.

So, we got to get the full experience starting at weening. Puppies have energy blasts. When they are awake, they are bundles of high energy which last for ten to twenty minutes. When that energy runs out, they pass out. Smoky would be playing full bore, then suddenly flop down wherever he was at and go completely asleep. You could pick him up and handle him all you wanted, but you couldn't rouse him from that sleep until he slept enough to recharge. When it did, he would be wide awake in an instance and off he would go for another twenty-minute play blast. As he grew, his energy levels regulated, but it sure was funny watching him go from 0 to 60 and back in a flash during his puppy months.

A few months after we got Smoky, we bought another chi, a female, as a companion for Smoky. We got to experience all the same joys and crisis moments with her, since we got her at eight weeks as well. She had a unique latex or rubber allergy, which, until we figured out that was what was ailing her, necessitated several nights of watching her face swell up like a balloon and worrying that she might have a serious condition. As it turned out, all we had to do was keep her away from rubber toys. She was a part of the pack for seven years. We lost her to a back injury. It was a heartbreaking decision to let her go and it was the first time that we had to make the life and

death decision for one of our pets. She was a bundle of high-energy joy, and it was crushing to have to let her go.

For 14 years, Smoky was that constant companion who gave us that unconditional love. And we were able to do the same for him. Dogs have exceptional hearing. When a workday was over, and I would start my 45-minute commute home. My wife would tell me that five or 10 minutes before I would pull in our drive, Smoky would stop whatever he was doing and start looking out the window. We believe he knew the sound of the engine of my car and could hear when I turned off main street (about a half-mile away) to head into our neighborhood. I believe that many of the times that we get aggravated when our dogs bark, seemingly at nothing, they are hearing what we cannot hear. Smoky did for sure. You would know when a thunderstorm was brewing by the way he acted. Didn't need the Weather Channel. And when the thunder boomed, little Smoky would drive himself crazy looking for a place to hide. It was almost a blessing when he got older an got to the point that he could not hear the storms.

Why share this with you? Because I believe that, like me, many of you have had that special relationship with a dog or other furry family member of a different species. Pet is such a small word for the place they take in our homes and hearts. For example, many service men who have been partnered with dogs in K-9 units ask the military to let the dogs come home with them once their tour is done. The bonds are deep as they worked together, often protecting each other's lives. The same is true for the dogs that work alongside our law enforcement officers. My

sister raises dogs (poodles) that become service and therapy dogs that help those in need with physical and emotional support. We've read about those pets who alert families to fires in their homes and drag the little ones, the children, to safety. Remember the iconic Saint Bernard that braves icy conditions in some of the harshest terrain to rescue trapped and injured hikers? Dogs are put into service to find missing children, victims buried in rubble, and to track down and incapacitate criminals. And they do it for as little as a few minutes of tug-o-war with their favorite toy or a bite-sized treat. Most of all they do it for the companions that they love, their humans.

And I guess that is my point. Smoky lived to 14 and his heart started to fail. We were told that he might go at any time. My biggest concern was not allowing him to suffer any more than necessary when the time came, and I certainly didn't want him to be alone when that time arrived. So, when it become obvious, and it did, we took him to the animal hospital, and we held him until the drugs were administered to quickly and finally release him from his pain and this world. He left this world where he felt the safest and most comfortable, so I believe he wasn't afraid.

Those who are my friends and family knew that, to us, he was more then just a pet. And I know that your dog, cat, or other furry, feathered, or scaly companion is not just a pet. It is not just another tool or beast of burden. The dictionary definition of pet is "a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure". That definition implies that the pet/human relationship is a one-way proposition. It is most definitely not. Like any loving relationship, it goes both ways.

SPEAKING OF FAITH What does your life tell us?

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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

Read Acts 16:16-34

I remember when I was a kid. I had always wanted to be a fireman. The Lord had given me that dream. So, I ended up working for the fire department for a number of years. It was during a house fire, that I got into trouble. My leg was suddenly broken, and it caused a life-threatening situation which also caused a lot of other issues. I should not have come out of there alive. My air pack had also completely malfunctioned and I was unable to breathe. A person can't breathe in the midst of a fire. This fire was burning so hot, that they brought fire hoses to the windows, not to necessarily put out the fire, but to keep those who were there from burning to death.

The turnout gear I was wearing is still hanging up in the museum in that fire department today. Listen, that water I was laying in had begun to boil. I was wallowing around like this because I was literally boiling alive. When something suddenly grabbed hold of me. It was, I still believe, an angel of the Lord. Somebody could ask me, why would God do that? Were you living for the Lord? I was living the dream that I thought was mine, so what happened? I'll tell you what happened. God looked into the future and here's what He said.

"That boy has got a call on his life. There's an anointing I'm holding for him. I'm going to keep him alive so that he can walk in that pathway that he was supposed to walk."

Some years later now, I know that I also love farming. If you've been around me anytime at all, you'd know I love the farm and I love to be out on the farm. I began raising pigs several years ago. You may remember this. I was out castrating the baby pigs when a mama pig got loose, a 450-pound one, attacking me. She landed on top of me, knocked me off my feet and went all the way up to my neck. That was her goal as she intended to kill me that

day. But when she got there, I remember I put my arm up in her mouth, because I just couldn't bench press 450 pounds. I pushed hard. I remember asking the Lord, "How long was this going to last?" Everybody there with me ran toward that pigpen I was in all by myself, with this 450-pound animal who was trying to chew me up. How many lacerations did I have? Twenty-three, I had stitches all over my body. It did everything it could to kill me. However, when it got to where it could have killed me, an angel of the Lord grabbed me by my feet and pulled me out from under that hog and the angel threw me over a six-foot fence!"

Let me tell you, boys don't jump that high. That was not Tim. That was an angel of the Lord. I ended up landing on my back, and reaching into my pocket, I handed a gun to the guy standing next to me.

"Whatever you do, if she does come out of there...For God's sake, shoot it!" Yes, why? Why would God do that? It's because He still needs us.

Later on, I'd gone to another doctor. I heard that doctor say, "Your kidneys are dead. You have to go on to dialysis."

I remember laughing as I told my wife, "I'm not doing that. I'm going home." If the Lord is done with me, He can call me to heaven. If He's not done with me, I can live without kidneys." Yeah, but, I know what I know about the God I serve. I'm here today. That was five to six years ago. I've never seen dialysis, not one time and now, my kidneys are functioning at 100 percent. That does not happen. Why would God do that? It's because of His purpose on my life. There are reasons some of you shouldn't be here, too. You had leukemia, (pointing to a lady). You were all but dead in a coma, but you're still here, pointing to another You were in the middle of a situation where vou should have been shot and killed on the street probably, but you're still here.

I don't know what all else is going on in your life, but this one thing, I know, If you're still here, it's because God has a purpose in your life. You are not here by accident. It's not by mistake. It wasn't coincidence.

There's a God in Heaven who knows how to keep and preserve those He loves, those He's anointed. Glory to God! Hallelujah!



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Super Crossword

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see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 24

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate
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1. Is the book of Freedomina in the Old or New Testament or neither?

 In Galatians 5:13: "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through ... serve one another." Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope

 From 2 Corinthians 3:17: "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty

4. In John 8:36: "If the ... therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son

 From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans

6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 0, 2, 11, 17

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 ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female fox called?

 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many stars were in the first American flag?

 HISTORY: About how many slaves in the United States were free by the end of the Civil War?

4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the planet that Mork called home on "Mork & Mindy"?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born on July 4?

U.S. STATES: How many major islands make up the state of Hawaii?

MOVIES: Which is the first non-English movie to win Best Picture at the Oscars?

GEOGRAPHY: Which is the largest continent in size?

9. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel's subtitle is "The Modern Prometheus"?

10. FOOD & DRINK: What is nori?



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

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

NAYO Fundraiser for Carter Maney – Bingo Night. July 8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6 p.m. Adults: \$15, Children \$5. Includes 15 pack games. Special games are \$2/each. Concessions will be available.

Fundraiser for Cherokee Bandits 12U NAYO baseball team.

July 9 at 5 p.m. at the Wolftown Gym. Evening of fun including: Bingo, \$25 packs with 15 games and three specials; Cornhole, Blind Draw \$20 per person; 50/50 drawing at 7 p.m. All proceeds will assist team with NAYO expenses.

Cherokee Braves Kickoff Classic golf tournament. July 15 at the Sequoyah National Golf Club. 18 hole captain's choice. Four-person teams, \$120 per person. 8 a.m. registration. 9 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch, prizes, and raffle items. Proceeds from this tournament support the Cherokee Braves football program. Info: Chase Sneed 226-1068

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Carnival. June 30 – July 8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Monday - Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wristbands (\$25) available every day for unlimited rides. Individual ride tickets also available. Carnival rides by C&M Southern Midways.

Yellowhill Community Club July activities:

 Gadugi Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market. July 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., tables are \$10 for one or \$15 for two. Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, or Virginia 788-8659

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

Blood Drive. July 7 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Call Venita Wolfe 554-1199 to schedule an appointment.

Kolanvyi Day. July 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Cove Stickball Field. Men's stickball exhibition, traditional dancing, gospel singing, duck derby, 50/50, cultural demonstrations, silent auction, vendors, kids activities, and more. Vendors: \$10 table fee. First 10 vendors will have a tent set-up provided. Contact Venita 554-1199 to reserve a table.



Cherokee Summer Social.

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

A Discussion on Generational

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



Weekly SUDOKU

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Levi West at levi.west@cherokeeboysclub.com or 359-5543

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

Donate Life Meetup and Walk. July 30 at 10 a.m. at the



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Love; 3) Liberty; 4) Son, Romans, 0



Answers 1. Vixen 2.13, one for each colony 3.4 million 4. Ork Calvin Coolidge 6. Eight major islands and many small islets 7. "Parasite," 2020 Asia "Frankenstein" 10. Dried, edible seaweed

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

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

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament - Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July

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- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament - Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28

- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

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

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

Southern Powerlifting Federation Rumble in the Smokies.

see HAPPENINGS next page





by Freddy Groves

New Covid Rules at VA Medical Facilities

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just instituted a three-tier safety program to keep veterans, visitors and staff safe from COVID at medical facilities.

Starting in May the Veterans Health Administration COVID-19 Health Protection Levels program, aligning with the Centersfor Disease Control and Prevention, Äôs health care setting data, will determine on a weekly basis just what needs to be done before you can access care at a VA medical facility.

At mine, for example, it's at Level High. That means the full menu of options comes into play: masks, social distancing (stay 6 feet from others), probable screening at the door, approved visitors only and video options encouraged for appointments instead of needing to go in.

At a Level Medium, it means masks, your care partner can come in but no other visitors, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

At a Level Low, visitors are probably fine (staff approved) if you're hospitalized, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

And yet there were other facilities I checked across the country where there were no health protection levels whatsoever, typically at VA in-network community partners like civilian optometrists. You'll need to call them individually to find out their protection levels. Oddly enough, in some locations across the country, facilities within mere miles of each other can range from low to medium to high.

Each week on Mondays the CDC rules will be updated on the facility listing with any changes and signs posted at doors. They'll also update on website and social media and telephone voicemails.

The new guidance covers not just coming in the door, but waiting rooms, group therapy, staffing, visitors ... everything.

If you're about to head out to a VA health facility, check to see their level so you'll know what to expect, even if you can guess based on the COVID cases in your home area: www. va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions.

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High temperatures and kittens don't mix

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I live in hot, humid Florida and have the opportunity to adopt two kittens. My home has no air conditioning only ceiling and floor fans. When I return home during the summer, the indoor temperature can reach 95 degrees with high humidity. Can a kitten handle such high indoor temperatures and high humidity for nine hours a day? If there is any possibility of harm, I will not obtain the kittens. — Ann T., via email

DEAR ANN: If there's doubt in your mind, you already know the answer. I commend you for thinking of the welfare of the kittens first.

Now, I'll tell you a similar story. During my first years out of college, I rented a small apartment in sunny, humid Orlando that had no air conditioning either. However, the first thing I purchased was a window unit air conditioner. Not for me, but for my cat. It was a significant expense, and it boosted my electric bill dramatically, but I didn't think twice about it.

Pets rely on us to keep them safe, fed and comfortable. An indoor cat doesn't have control over the temperature and humidity in the home. As the temperature rises, they have few options to cool off — no breezy, shady spots to lounge in, not much fresh air. At 95 degrees, even with a full bowl of water nearby, pets can suffer a heat injury. Kittens are even more vulnerable.

If you'd like to adopt the kittens, first work out a way to keep your home's temperature below 80 degrees. Pets are an investment in happiness. Their comfort and safety are part of that investment. Thank you again for thinking of the kittens' safety.

Send your questions to ask@ pawscorner.com.

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HAPPENINGS: Event listings, from page 25

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 any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

Marcellus Norwest Memo-

rial Veterans Pow Wow. July 8-19 at Uyxat Pow Wow Grounds in Grand Ronde, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Host Drum: Indian Hill. Vendor contact: Molly Leno (503) 983-6790, lenomolly@gmail.com

Healing Our Community Pow Wow. July 8-10 in Kinistino, Saskatchewan, Canada. MC: Kal Arcard. Info: Edward Stonestand (639) 929-7097

North Platte Pow Wow Honoring Our Veterans. July 8-10 in North Platte, Neb. MC: Frank Jammerson. Host Drum: Omaha White Tail. Info: Char Swalberg (308) 520-9516, northplattepowwow@gmail.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND **EVENTS Swain County Genealogical**

and Historical Society meet-

ing. July 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business **Education and Training Center** at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Lance Holland will present "The Nantahala: A Gem of Appalachians". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

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

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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



Homeowners Assistance unds (HAF) Now Available

Income guidelines and assistance limits apply. Must be a current homeowner. If you have submitted an application that is pending, please contact us to update

Contact Tina Larch-Rivera at 828-359-6912 or email at tinalarc@ebci-



nsn.gov or contact Misty Millsaps at 828-359-6919 or email at mistmill@ebci-nsn.gov for more information.

Pick up an application at the **Housing Administration Office** located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 or download at HAF-Application-2022.pdf (ebci.com)



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Blueberries – you pick. \$2.50/lb. Exit 72 at Whittier, follow signs. (706) 988-8098. 7/6

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SERVICES

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.

Baileyton Celebration is seeking Native American vendors for the event Sept. 9-11. Biggest in Greene County (Tenn.) as of last year. Exit 36 off of I-81. Interested vendors should call (423) 963-8869 or email mdavis3238@yahoo.com. 6/29

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 dislike waiting for promises to be fulfilled and for commitments to be kept, but resist your headstrong tendency to push things along. Your patience will be rewarded.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect continuing opposition to your plans from die-hard detractors. However, your determination to see things through will carry the day. A **Pisces** has romantic ideas.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be too close to a troublesome workplace situation to deal with it successfully. Step away in order to get a better perspective. A solution soon becomes obvious.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might suspect that someone you trust has misled you on an important matter, but a more balanced view of things reveals a misunderstanding to be the culprit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's animal magnetism has rarely been stronger. You can either just bask in all that admiration or use it to your advantage, especially in the workplace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone who previously balked at cooperating with you on a project suddenly has a change of heart. Accept both help and advice with grace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some hazy issues still need to be cleared up before you can move on with your new plans. A friend from the past reaches out to re-establish old ties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Continued positive fall-out follows that risky workplace decision you made some time ago. Your payoff will soon prove to be more substantial than you expected.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A personal relationship continues to be affected by a recent unexpected turn of events. Things need to work themselves out without finger-pointing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a wonderful week for all you capricious Goats to kick up your heels with friends or family members in some well-earned fun and frivolity.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Caution is advised before making a financial commitment to someone you don't really know. There are better ways to build friendships than with risky fiscal dealings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Travel plans continue to be favored. A change of scenery brings new opportunities, both personally and professionally. Be open to the possibilities.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of loyalty that shows itself best in your relationships with family and friends.

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lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com

EMPLOYMENT

Qualla Arts & Crafts are hiring for sales clerk position. You can come by Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick up an application. 497-3103. **7/13**

Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

* President of Kituwah Builders/Director of Project Management
* Accountant – Kituwah Manufacturing/Cardinal Homes – Can work from Cherokee

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday or email Kristin Smith@kristin. smith@kituwahllc.com

This position will close July 8th at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. 7/6

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 22-048 In the Matter of the Estate of Martha Elaine Sherrill

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

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

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

Employment

Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking

applicants for the following positions:

Signing Bonus up to \$2,500*

preferred

 Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience

Concierge for Front Desk – hospitality experience preferred

Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host –

no experience required Competitive compensation and benefits

packages available. EEOC

Apply in person or contact Angle Hill at

angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.

contingent on FT/PT and availability status

TION Ronda Owle 43 Joe Owle Drive Cherokee, NC 28719 7/**6**

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS THE CHEROKEE COURT

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. CV 22-150 GEORGINA NICCUM , Plaintiff, vs. FRENANDO LEON, Defendant. TO: FRENANDO LEON

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 DIVORCE, filed April 6, 2022, in EBCI Tribal Court. A written answer to the complaint must be filed

with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to this pleading not later than July 27, 2022. Your failure to do so may result in the Plaintiff, Georgina Niccum, receiving the relief she seeks. This the 13th day of June 2022. EBCI Legal Assistance Office -Tsoine Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 2280 Cherokee, NC 28719 828.359.7400.7/6

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Public Notice:

The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Quality Office invites public comment on 401 Water Quality Certification

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

June 3, 2022

Human Resources Technical Consultant

RFP #: EBCI-TERO-01-2022

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

OSHA Trainer

RFP #: EBCI-TERO-02-2022

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

PROPOSAL CONTACT

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

Terri Henry, Director Tribal Employment Rights Office Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians PO Box 1839 756 Aquoni Rd Cherokee, NC 28719 Phone: 828.359.6540 Email: terrhenr@ebci-nsn.gov The full RFP's are available on www.ebci-tero.com/jobs-2 or use this QR Code.



Grants for Cherokee Trout Farm and the EBCI Tribal Hatchery. The certifications can be viewed in their entirety on our website, cherokeenaturalresources.com. Comments may be directed to Michael Bolt, Water Quality Supervisor via email at michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov, via post at PO Box 1925 Cherokee, NC 28719, or by phone at 828-359-6772. Thank you! Public comment period ends on July 8th, 2022. 7/6

Public Notice:

The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Quality Office invites public comment on the Antidegradation Analysis Reports for the EBCI Tribal Hatchery and Cherokee Trout Farm. The analyses can be viewed in their entirety on our website, cherokeenaturalresources.com. Comments may be directed to Michael Bolt, Water

Quality Supervisor via email at michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov, via post at PO Box 1925 Cherokee, NC 28719 or by phone at 828-359-6772. Thank you! Public comment period ends on July 8th, 2022. 7/6

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal **Opportunity Employer**, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Proposed Site Improvements for the CIHA Long Term Care Facility from TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of survey, grading, excavating, paving, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 3 p.m. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C.



therapist must provide excellent quest 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

with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. Project bonding may be required depending upon scope. 7/13

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Proposed Site Improvements for the Cherokee Men's Home from TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of survey, grading, excavating, paving, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Tuesday July 19th, 2022, at 3 p.m. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. Project bonding may be required depending upon scope. 7/13

Notice of Intent to Repatriate

The National Museum of Nat-

ural History of the Smithsonian Institution plans to repatriate the human remains of a minimum of 18 individuals cataloged in six numbers, and 2,263 funerary objects cataloged in 163 numbers to the culturally affiliated Catawba Indian Nation. The Catawba Indian Nation is in agreement that, based on the belief of representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, they are also affiliated.

The human remains of a minimum of 18 individuals cataloged in six numbers, were collected from the Davenport Jones Mound and the Lenoir Burial Pit in Caldwell County, North Carolina in April of 1883 as part of the Bureau of American Ethnology's (BAE) Mound Survey. Also collected were 1,122 funerary objects cataloged in 60 numbers from the Davenport Jones mound and 1,141 funerary objects cataloged in 103 numbers from the Lenoir Burial pit.

The repatriation will be carried out by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in coordination with the Catawba Indian Nation.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Lippert before Aug. 6, at (202) 633-0874, Repatriation Office, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, NMNH, MRC 138, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012.7/6





CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

FINANCE:

Grant Coordinator - \$52,339 - \$65,424 Patient Access Specialist \$17.12 - \$19.26

ENGINEERING: EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 -\$38.72 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89 Residential Technician (Male & Female) – Kanvwotiyi -\$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)**\$3,000 Hiring Bonus Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available -\$45,512 - \$56,891 **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$39,576 - \$49,470 Child Services Manager - \$69,219 - \$86,523 Registered Nurse –Grant Funded Position - \$33.68 - \$38.72

OPERATIONS:

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67Pedodontist - \$139,732 - \$174,665Phlebotomist PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26Optician - \$22.76 - \$25.89Optometrist - \$97,036 - \$121,295Ultrasound Technologist - Part Time Intermittent - \$24.55 - \$27.99Clinical Pharmacist - \$91,524 - \$114,427Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL:

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NURSING:

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$3,000 **Hiring Bonus** Telemetry Nursing Assistant - Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25 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 PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$33.68 -\$38.72 Licensed Practical Nurse - Tribal Justice Correctional Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center - \$31.06 -\$35.64 Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89 Registered Nurse PTI - Emergency Room \$31.06 - \$35.64 Care Manager Supervisor (IDD/TBI) - Primary Care -\$33.68 - \$38.72 Care Manager (IDD/TBI) - Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64

TSALI CARE CENTER:

Assistant Administrator - \$52,339 - \$65,424 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 EBCI Tribal Option Contract Liaison - \$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.

Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828) 497-9101.

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The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct 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

OPEN UNTIL FILLED CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:

(1) FT RESIDENT COUNSELOR: (5) PT RESIDENT COUNSELORS

AGELINK:

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

SNOWBIRD CHILDCARE:

(1) TEACHER (\$14.00-\$17.00/HOUR); (1) HOUSEKEEPER (\$11.00/HOUR)

BUS: (10) PT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

SHOP/GARAGE:

(2) PT SEASONAL LAWN CREW (\$14.00-\$16.00/HOUR)

Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

ALL STREET

1. Food Nutrition Menu Planner

- 2. CMS Counselor
- 3. CMS Science Teacher
- 4. CMS Special Education
- Teacher
- 5. CHS Math Teacher
- 6. CHS Automechanics Teacher
- 7. CES Speech Language Pathologist
- 8. CES Special Education Teacher - STARS

9. CES Special Education TA - STARS **10. CES Special Education TA**

11. CES Special Education Teacher

- 12. Elementary Teacher
- 13. Cherokee Language In-
- structor
- 14. JV Cheer Coach
- 15. JV Women's Basketball Head Coach
- 16. Food Service Worker 4 hr
- 17. Food Service Worker 6 hr
- **18.** Part-Time Security
- 19. Custodian
- 20. Substitute Teachers
- 21. School Nurse



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday July 10, 2022

1)Administrative Assistant: Family Safety Program - Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)

2) Recreation Aide: Cherokee Life Program - Community Education & Recreation Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

3) Senior Services Coordinator: Cherokee Co. Sr. Services - Snowbird Cherokee County Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541

4) Administrative Assistant: Family Safety Program - Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)

5) Law Clerk: Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L11 \$48,162 -\$60,202)

 Assistant Court Clerk: Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L8 \$36,500) - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

 Detention Officer (Multiple): Detention Services – Public Safety (L7) \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

2) PT Paramedic (Multiple): Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 3) Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center - Community Education & Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

 Certified Nursing Assistant: Tribal In-Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

5) Driver (Multiple): Transit - Operations (L4 S25,261 - S31,581) 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)

8) Real Estate Associate Attorney: Tribal Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)

9) Social Worker (Multiple): Family Safety Program - PHHS (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)

10) Housekeeper I - Light Duty: Housekeeping - Support Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

11) Legislative Financial Director: Tribal Council (L21 \$116,354 -\$145,421)

12) Corrections Officer; CIPD - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE

13) Business & Tax Specialist: Budget & Finance - Treasury (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

14) DV Administrative Assistant/Asst. Project Coordinator: DV Program - Public Health & Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

15) DV Intake Technician: DV Program - Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)

16) DV Sexual Assault Victim Advocate: DV Program - Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$36,500 - \$46,625)

 Tribal Prosecutor II: Criminal Law Department – Office of the Attorney General (L18 \$89,580 - \$110,970)

18) Office Administrator: Cherokee Choices/Nurse Family Partnership - PHHS (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

19) Child Advocate Coordinator: Heart to Heart Program - PHHS (L9 \$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.



Saturday, July 23 EBGE INGERT

JOIN THE ATLANTA BRAVES AS THEY HONOR EBCI HERITAGE AND CULTURE WITH EXHIBITIONS AND TRADITIONS INCLUDING:

- Hummingbirds Stickball Demonstration
- Heavy Hitters & Raven Rock
 Dancers Performance
- EBCI vendor village
- T-shirt toss giveaways
- And more!



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