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ARP Funds help Tribe

EBCI Treasury
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By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Reporter

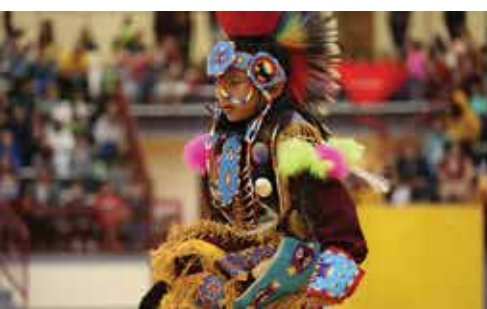
CHEROKEE, N.C. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was provided \$160 million in federal funding in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Where does that money go?

EBCI Secretary of Treasury Cory Blankenship broke down that question and offered the allocation plan that has been crafted for the award. The simplified breakdown offers seven categories for dividing

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A total of \$17.5 million of the ARP funding for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been designated for water and sewer infrastructure such as the sewer and water pipeline that is being implemented along Acquoni Rd. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)



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FUNDS: EBCI receives funds from American
Rescue Plan, from front page

the pie, with each of those having specific
projects and programs:

1. Financial Assistance to Tribal Mem-
bers – \$16,000,000
2. Building Stronger Neighborhoods and
Communities – \$70,750,000
3. Broadband Expansion – \$20,000,000
4. Small Business Assistance Programs –
\$8,000,000
5. Long Term Care (Tsali Care Center) –
\$25,000,000
6. Education – \$10,000,000
7. Lost Revenue – \$10,500,000

Secretary Blankenship said that
the goal of ARP funding was to limit
the sting from revenue loss during the
COVID-19 pandemic, as well to establish
long-term projects to lessen disparities
among tribal communities. He said that
it was an important boost to Cherokee at
a time that the Tribe needed to supple-
ment it loses.

“The ARP funding is the equivalent
of all of the Federal awards that the Tribe
would receive in a single fiscal year.
So, our grant budget is just over \$100
million a year from all sources. Wheth-
er those are Federal agencies, Indian
Health Service, BIE, Department of
Justice, Bureau of Indian Affairs, De-
partment of Health and Human Services.
If you think about all our programs that
are grant funded, all the things that we
have...you got in a single shot in the arm,
a full year of grant funding to the Tribe.
It is a significant portion of our budget.”

He said that it is important to under-
stand that this money is heavily regulat-
ed. There needs to be reports on every
federal dollar spent, and that’s why it’s
so crucial to have a plan for spending it.

“Just like all other federal awards,
there are requirements for how ARP can
be spent,” said Secretary Blankenship.
“There are requirements for how we
report the expenditure of our dollars,
and there are limitations on how long
we have to spend. So, we have a pretty

liberal timeline with the ARP funding.
We have to be fully committed by 2024,
then we have until 2026 to fully expend
the funds. It’s possible that we get some
extension of that.”

Large portions of this funding have
already been spent, like the amount
allotted to financial assistance to tribal
members. This came in the form of the
COVID relief payments that were distrib-
uted to adults and minors, as well as the
energy assistance program that helped
with household bills during the pandem-
ic.

Some projects are ongoing, such
as the sewer and water pipeline that is
being implemented along Acquoni Rd.
\$17.5 million of the ARP funding has
been designated for water and sewer
infrastructure, and that includes this
project.

\$20 million is set to revamp and
develop the tribal-wide broadband
network. Secretary Blankenship said
that this half of the estimated amount
is going to take to establish this entire
network, with the other half planning to
be funded with tribal dollars.

He said that the EBCI has had to
think on its feet throughout this process
due to the amount of moving pieces
involved with the ARP funding.

“We knew that ARP funding was
coming in two payments. The first was
everybody gets ‘x amount’ based on your
enrollment. With 16,000 tribal mem-
bers, we’re in the upper quartile of tribes
in terms of population. We have a pretty
significant population in terms of size...
What we didn’t have an idea of is how
much is that second payment going to
be. When we estimated that second pay-
ment, it was just based on some variables
... we estimated at the very beginning
that we would receive about \$117 million
under ARP,” said Secretary Blankenship

The difference in this case is that the
amount being worked with were truly
estimates. Secretary Blankenship said
that they didn’t know how much mon-
ey they would be receiving until it was

in the Tribe's account. Not only that, but the Federal Treasury also didn't release the full methodology regarding ARP funding until later.

"Typically, an agency will send you a notice of award and they'll say how much you'll be receiving. Treasury didn't do that. It's just, 'we're sending the first round of wires today, everyone check your accounts'. Then, \$70 million in your account. And you have no idea what it's going to be until it's in the account."

In total, the EBCI was allotted \$160,302,523 in ARP funding through the two distributions. That does not include the \$62.9 million that came from the CARES Act as well, bringing total Federal aid to the Tribe to \$223.2 million. The plan for how to allocate these funds was drawn up with Tribal leadership.

"There first thing that we did was sit down to have an off-site working session with Council. To review with them. Here's the program, here's the program parameters, here's how much we're expecting to receive, here are all the things that are allowed," said Secretary Blankenship.

He also said that Executive and the secretaries were also involved in these meetings. The parameters he is referencing are outlined by several regulators.

"To support public health initiatives and expenditures related to public health, to address the negative economic impacts caused by public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, and to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. In the actual act of Congress itself, those are the high-level of criteria for how you expend these funds. Then it flows over to the United States Department of Treasury, who release a few hundred pages of guid-



ance on how funds can be expended. So, it's not a scenario where we can say, "Tribes can do whatever they want with the money."

He said that they have had to consider where to use these federal dollars to be most efficient. Given that tribal dollars are significantly more flexible, the Tribe must be strategic when it comes to which pools of cash they pull from.

"I also think that it's important when we're considering projects that we're very careful not to create facilities that would be a burden in the future in terms of maintenance. Also, being careful not to add things that have a significant amount of recurring operational costs. Could we have taken 50 million dollars and built a Tribal administration building? Probably. How much ongoing burden does that add to the Tribal

budget? Some ways it may create efficiency and it could be a net-net. But how many of these smaller projects that we can do so we can see a tremendous amount of impact in our community. Over the long term, it's a long-term investment."

While there is a plan set forth for how to spend nearly all the federal award, the EBCI still has the ability to adjust as more projects come online.

"There is flexibility. One of the things we stressed to Tribal leadership and that we will stress to the public is that this is our plan as of today. A lot of these projects are started and they are underway. There are still some of these projects that are in planning phases. We have the flexibility as we get into them to say maybe this isn't the best fit for ARP funding,

let's use Tribal funding. Let's free up this ARP funding, let's go back to Council."

Secretary Blankenship said that the EBCI could've survived without the aid, but it would've been difficult. He said that the funding allowed the Tribe to stay operational when everything was in question, and that it is helping the EBCI transition to the post-pandemic economic landscape.

"I think the most critical thing about the ARP funding was that it provided a safety net during a time when we had full closure of our casino gaming operation...we were able to utilize that funding so that the pain of that lost revenue both on the Tribe and on the individual Tribal member was significantly less than it could've been."



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- Session 9: Aug. 6-11



For more information contact Tammy Jackson,
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EBCI tribal leaders meet with Governor

Leadership from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met with N.C. Governor Roy Cooper on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 15 to discuss upcoming legislation pertaining to issues for the EBCI. Shown, left to right, are Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper, Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, Gov. Cooper (D-N.C.), Wolfstown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, and Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle. (Photo by Tosh Welch, EBCI Tribal Council legislative public relations specialist)



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March Community Wide Reading Challenge- March 1st-March 31st, For more information contact Tammy Jackson, Community Development Coordinator

Community Garden Kit Give Away- April 3rd & 5th: On Monday April 3rd-Cherokee County at the Community Club Pavilion 12-2pm, Snowbird Community at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex 2-5pm On Wednesday, April 5th-Cherokee at the Yellowhill Basketball Court 12-2pm (elders only), 2-5pm all others.

Community Wide Landscape Beautification Contest-Deadline to enter is Friday, May 19, judging week: May 22-25

For more information on any of these events please call the Extension Center at **828-359-6939**

FRANK DUNN FOR WOLFTOWN/BIG Y TRIBAL COUNCIL

Frank Dunn is a candidate for the Wolftown/Big Y tribal council election that will be held on **March 2, 2023**. Frank Dunn a Wolftown resident wants to work with and vote together with the current council Andrew Oocumma and make the Wolftown/Big Y community strong as one.

Interesting times are happening for our community. Frank has met with many of you in your homes this last special election. Frank Dunn humbly mentions, *"What I am hearing from you is we don't want a cookie-cutter politician, (same ole same ole) we need someone who is going to be a person of integrity. 'The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, moral uprightness.' My GIT R DUNN is an acronym meaning,"*

**G = God, I = Integrity, T = Transparency, R = Reliability,
D = Diversify, U = Understanding, N = Native, N = Needs**

Frank will do this by drawing on his education of a Master's in Business Administration, wide range of experience in successful business ventures, supporting the arts, culture, Cherokee language revitalization, and implementing change for all of our people. Frank humbly says that if he is elected to this position he will continue to stay in contact with the people, listen and communicate their needs, wants and will move Cherokee forward for all seven generations.

Frank will serve from the top of Rough Branch to the top of Dobson Ridge and all the creeks, branches, and hollers in between. Frank Dunn states "that every voice is important." Frank includes "God gave us two ears and one mouth and he is here to listen to your needs and bring it back to the horseshoe to serve you."

Frank is proud and thanks the community for entrusting him to serve our communities thus far in the capacity of helping in the construction of buildings, getting more food on the tables for our families, and partnering to make our communities a safer place to live and raise our children for the next 7 generations. "I have seen changes and great things being done, but this is not enough. With passion and a servant's heart, he states that "our ancestors sacrificed a lot for me and our people, in return I have a desire to serve and pay it forward for all our people.

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MISSING PERSON

Amber Rose Happy

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'5" Weight 130 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Current age: 25 Female

Date of last contact: February 8, 2023

Last Known Location: Shiprock, NM

Circumstances of Disappearance: Amber recently changed her hair color from light brown to dark black. She left her mother's residence on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in her mother's vehicle, a 2019 white Buick Encore, with a black New Mexico Chili Peper License Plate #APBH65. Amber may be in the company of a male friend. She has a tattoo of a bird on her right wrist. No clothing description was given,

If you have seen Amber Rose Happy contact the Navajo Police Department Shiprock District at (505) 368-1350/1351.

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Fatality near Milepost 90 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

BEDFORD COUNTY, Va. - On Tuesday, Feb. 14, at approximately 3:15 p.m., the Blue Ridge Parkway Communications Center received a report of a motor vehicle collision involving two motorcycles, near milepost 90, south of Peaks of Otter.

National Park Service law enforcement rangers and area fire and EMS responders arrived on scene to find one deceased male. Responders identified the deceased as Sampson Crawford Boone, 67 years old, of Bedford, Va.

Boone was operating his motorcycle and traveling northbound in a curve when it appears he and his motorcycle went down and traveled into the southbound lane into the path of an oncoming

motorcycle. The oncoming motorcycle operator attempted to avoid hitting Boone but was unsuccessful. Preliminary investigations indicate Boone may have suffered a medical emergency.

The second operator suffered minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

The crash is still under investigation. No additional details are available at this time.

- National Park Service release

CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 5-12, 2023

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 list-

ed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Littlejohn, Michael – age 62

Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Morgan, Frances Armachain – age 47

Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Pre-Trial Violation

Screamer Jr., James Albert – age 48

Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)

Charges: Failure to Obey Court Order (two counts)

Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementrie – age 25

Arrested: Feb. 7

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Failure to Appear

Reed, Michael James Hunter – age 47

Arrested: Feb. 7

Released: Feb. 7

Charges: Temporary Hold

Timmons, Alexis Leigh – age 39

Arrested: Feb. 7

Released: Feb. 7

Charges: Temporary Hold

Wooldridge Jr., Robert Francis – age 58

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Brown, Natasha – age 33
 Arrested: Feb. 8
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Flippo, Robert – age 26
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Feb. 8
 Charges: Failure to Appear

Jenkins, Randall – age 39
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Feb. 9
 Charges: False Pretenses

McCoy, William Tyler-Tackett – age 28
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Feb. 9
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reed II, Gary Lee – age 25
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Roberts, Tony Durk – age 59
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Feb. 8
 Charges: Resisting Public Officer,

Obstructing Governmental Functions

Wolfe, Dara Chantia – age 25
 Arrested: Feb. 8
 Released: Feb. 9
 Charges: Probation Violation

Grimes Jr., Anthony Lewis – age 34
 Arrested: Feb. 9
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Failure to Appear

Jenkins, Jerry M. – age 52
 Arrested: Feb. 9
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Komenda, Melissa Blanch – age 32
 Arrested: Feb. 9
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rattler, Rajun River – age 20
 Arrested: Feb. 9
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Escape from Imprison-

ment and Custody, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Wolfe, Jordan Leigh – age 27
 Arrested: Feb. 9
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V, Providing or Possessing Contraband, Drug Paraphernalia (Using Possessing), Tampering with Evidence

George, Darrell – age 52
 Arrested: Feb. 10
 Released: Feb. 11
 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Long, Melvin Thomas – age 60
 Arrested: Feb. 10
 Released: Feb. 10
 Charges: Duty to Stop in an Event of a Crash

Queen, Johnnie Sue – age 45
 Arrested: Feb. 10
 Released: Feb. 10
 Charges: Accessory After the Fact

Teesatuskie Jr., Gary Mitchell – age 23
 Arrested: Feb. 10
 Released: Not released as of report

date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: False Imprisonment, Probation Violation, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Williams, Becky Renee – age 48
 Arrested: Feb. 10
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Failure to Appear, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Adams, Carrie Ann – age 49
 Arrested: Feb. 11
 Released: Feb. 12
 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Bumgarner, Camilia Betty – age 45
 Arrested: Feb. 12
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 31
 Arrested: Feb. 12
 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
 Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Assault by Strangulation; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

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active EBCI service men/women to
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Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
David McQueen 736-9572





BASKETBALL



The Cherokee Lady Braves defeated the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights 72-71 to win the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament at the Ken Solesbee Athletic Center at Andrews High School on the evening of Friday, Feb. 17. With the win, the Lady Braves have gone undefeated in conference play this season. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS!

Lady Braves win SMC tournament title in barn-burner

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

ANDREWS, N.C. – Whitney Rogers, Cherokee sophomore, hit a free throw with 19.4 seconds left on the clock in overtime to seal the deal as the Lady Braves won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) tournament on Friday, Feb. 17. Cherokee defeated the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights 72-71 in a barn-burner at the Ken Solesbee Athletic Center at Andrews

High School.

“Robbinsville had a very good game tonight to try to slow us up a little bit,” said Ann Gardner, Lady Braves head coach. “It was successful. We had to adjust and figure out how to make our style of game work. We were able to do that and pull away. But, they (Robbinsville) just don’t have any quit in them – credit to them. They really showed up to play tonight.”

The win is the 19th in a row for the Lady Braves who finished the SMC regular season in first place and went through all conference play undefeated.

“I can’t say enough about these



Cherokee’s Dvdaya Swimmer (#4) brings the ball up the court during the first half. She finished the game with 19 points.



Cherokee's Whitney Rogers (#32) goes inside for a shot in the first half. She finished the game with 19 points.

girls," said Coach Gardner who recently got her 300th career win. "They've bought in, and they come every day ready to work and get better. This is just the payoff right here to be able to win both the conference and the tournament."

Cherokee has received a number three seed in the 1A West in the state championship brackets and will host Highland Tech on Tuesday, Feb. 21 (time TBA).

Coach Gardner is looking forward to making a run in the playoff. "I think we needed a game like

this. We needed to be able to be pushed and make us grind it out. So, this will be very helpful for us going forward into the playoffs."

Friday's game was tight the whole way. Cherokee took an early 7-2 lead in the first period, but the Lady Black Knights chiseled away and cut that lead to 19-18 at the end of the first.

Robbinsville took the lead early in the second, but Cherokee came back with some three-point shots extending their lead to eight points (31-23) midway through the



Robbinsville's Aubrie Wachacha (#44) goes up for a short shot as Cherokee's Creedon Arch defends. Wachacha finished the game with 19 points for the Lady Black Knights.

period. The Lady Braves led by six (37-31) at the half.

Robbinsville kept it close and ground the Cherokee lead down to three (45-42) at the end of the third.

Midway through the fourth period, the game was tied at 51-51. Cherokee managed to get a five-point lead (58-53) with just under three minutes left and kept that margin leading 64-59 with just 45 seconds left in regulation. Robbinsville stormed back with a 6-1 scoring margin in those last 45 seconds to send the game to overtime at 65-65.

The first few minutes of overtime saw the score remain tied as both teams matched baskets. Then, with 19 seconds left, Rogers

was fouled, hit a free throw, and the Lady Braves played defense to seal the victory.

Rogers and Dvdaya Swimmer led Cherokee on the night with 19 points each. Other Cherokee scorers included: Kyla Moore 8, Loshi Ward 11, AJ Hill 4, Creedon Arch 2, and Kamia Wiggins 9. Robbinsville scorers included: Abby Wehr 4, Desta Trammell 26, Suri Watty 3, Liz Carpenter 17, Kensley Phillips 2, and Aubrie Wachacha 19.

Cherokee received an opening round bye in the tournament and faced Swain Co. in the second round. They defeated the Lady Maroon Devils 72-46 on Monday, Feb. 13 to advance to Friday's final against Robbinsville.

EAST FIRST ROUND

1 Bertie

2 Cape Hatteras

16 KIPP Pride

17 Gates County

18 Ocracoke

19 Jones

20 West Columbus

21 Hobbs

5 Henderson Collegiate

22 NW Halifax

12 Northampton County

23 Bear Grass Charter

13 Voyager Academy

24 SE Halifax

4 Neuse Charter

25 East Columbus

14 Chatham Charter

26 East Wake Academy

15 North Edgecombe

27 Columbia

16 Chatham Central

28 Oxford Prep

17 Washington County

29 North Moore

7 Pamlico County

20 River Mill Academy

10 Falls Lake Academy

21 Weldon

15 Rosewood

22 Vance Charter

2 Wilson Prep

3 Southside



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MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS



CLICK IT OR TICKET

WEST FIRST ROUND

1 Mountain Heritage

2 North Rowan

16 Carolina International

17 Cornerstone Charter

18 Corvian Community

19 Alleghany

8 Christ the King

24 Queen's Grant

5 Thomasville

25 Piedmont Community

12 North Stokes

21 NC Leadership Acad.

13 Murphy

20 Winston-Salem Prep

4 Bishop McGuinness

29 Draughn

14 Eastern Randolph

20 Cherryville

16 Avery County

19 Andrews

8 Robbinstonville

27 Mountain Island Char.

11 Hiwassee Dam

22 Swain County

7 Bessemer City

20 Cherokee

10 Altemarle

23 Star Mount

15 Mount Airy

16 Hayesville

3 South Stokes

11 Uwharrie Charter

WEST REGIONAL FINAL

EAST REGIONAL FINALS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

STATE CHAMPION



EAST FIRST ROUND

Falls Lake Academy

Pender

Triangle Math & Sci.

Weldon

East Columbus

Lakewood

Chatham Central

Washington County

Perquimans

Columbia

Northside-Pinetown

East Wake Academy

Voyager Academy

Tarboro

North Duplin

Oxford Prep

Chatham Charter

Pamlico County

Roxboro Community

Bear Grass Charter

Vance Charter

North Edgecombe

Clover Garden

Gates County

Southside

Eno River Academy

Cape Hatteras

Union

SE Halifax

NW Halifax

Northampton County

Bertie



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS



CLICK IT OR TICKET

WEST FIRST ROUND

Mountain Heritage

Bethany Community

Draughn

Union Academy

North Rowan

South Stokes

Highlands

Hixmassee Dam

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South Davidson

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Robbinsville

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Smoky Mountain All-Conference list

One Feather Staff Report

The following athletes have been named All-Conference in their respective events in the Smoky Mountain Conference for the 2022-23 Indoor Track season:

Women's Events

55M Dash: Melani Linton, Swain Co.
300M Dash: Melani Linton, Swain Co.
500M Dash: Amaya Hicks, Swain Co.
1000M Run: Gracie Monteith, Swain Co.
1600M Run: Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co.
3200M Run: Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co.
55M Hurdles: Melani Linton, Swain Co.
4x200M Relay: Robbinsville team (member names not available)
4x400M Relay: Swain Co. team (Sienna Hackshaw, Annie Lewis, Amaya Hicks, Marlee

Hicks)

4x800M Relay: Swain Co. team (Gracie Monteith, Annie Lewis, Arizona Blankenship, Amaya Hicks)

High Jump: Gracie Sutton, Swain Co.

Long Jump: Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville

Triple Jump: Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville

Pole Vault: Amelia Rogers, Swain Co.

Shot Put: Faith Woodard, Swain Co.

Adaptive Girls Wheelchair Shot Put: Jordan Oliver, Murphy

Adaptive Girls 55M Wheelchair: Jordan Oliver, Murphy

Men's Events

55M Dash: Dalmon King, Cherokee

300M Dash: Cameron Grooms, Murphy

500M Dash: Kane Jones, Swain Co.

1000M Run: Jaylan Bark, Cherokee

1600M Run: Connor Brown, Swain Co.

3200M Run: Jaylan Bark, Cherokee

55M Hurdles: Austin Jenkins, Swain Co.

4x200M Relay: Cherokee team (Dalmon King, Ayden Thompson, Eli Bird, Tanin Esquivel)

4x400M Relay: Cherokee team (Dalmon King, Ayden Thompson, Anthony Lossiah, Tanin Esquivel)

4x800M Relay: Cherokee team (Anthony Lossiah, Oztin Swayney, Aizen Bell, Jaylan Bark)

High Jump: Matthew Gray, Swain Co.

Long Jump: Cooper Adams, Robbinsville

Triple Jump: Matthew Gray, Swain Co.

Pole Vault: Matthew Gray, Swain Co.

Shot Put: Nse Uffort, Swain Co.

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1A State Championship held in Greensboro

NCHSAA Release

GREENSBORO, N.C. - The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) concluded the 87th Annual Individual Wrestling State Tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, Feb. 18. Avery County won the 1A team title and Kage Williams, of Robbinsville, was named 1A Most Outstanding Wrestler. Below are the championship (first place matches) in each 1A weight class.

106 lbs.

Cooper Foster (Avery County, 49-0) won by decision over Ethan Hines (Uwharrie Charter, 46-7) (Dec 1-0)

113 lbs.

Alexis Panama (Robbinsville, 38-5) won by fall over Josue Gomez (Thomasville, 48-3) (Fall 2:44)

120 lbs.

Benjamin Jordan (Avery County, 46-3) won by fall over Marcus Tyson (Pamlico County, 49-2) (Fall 3:45)

126 lbs.

Carlos Vasquez (Thomasville, 50-0) won by tech fall over Eli Thomas (Alleghany, 33-19) (TF-1.5 4:12 (17-2))

132 lbs.

Grant Reece (Avery County, 41-2) won by decision over Ryan Mann (North East Carolina Prep, 56-1) (Dec 4-3)

138 lbs.

Aldo Hernandez (Uwharrie Charter, 52-2) won by tech fall over Cameron Worrick (Alleghany, 38-13) (TF-1.5 4:39 (22-5))

145 lbs.

Lorenzo Alston (Uwharrie Charter, 54-2) won by major decision over Willie Riddle (Robbinsville, 35-18) (MD 11-3)

152 lbs.

Tristan Adams (Avery County, 36-2) won by decision over Chase Miller (Cherryville, 42-6) (Dec 8-4)

160 lbs.

Suhaib Hatamleh (Bradford Prep, 33-5) won by decision over Turner Jackson (Robbinsville, 43-13) (Dec 3-1)

170 lbs.

Cael Dunn (Avery County, 51-1) won by decision over Grayson Roberts (Uwharrie Charter, 50-5) (Dec 1-0)

182 lbs.

Kage Williams (Robbinsville, 57-0) won by fall over Darius Saunooke (Swain County, 25-12) (Fall 3:23)

195 lbs.

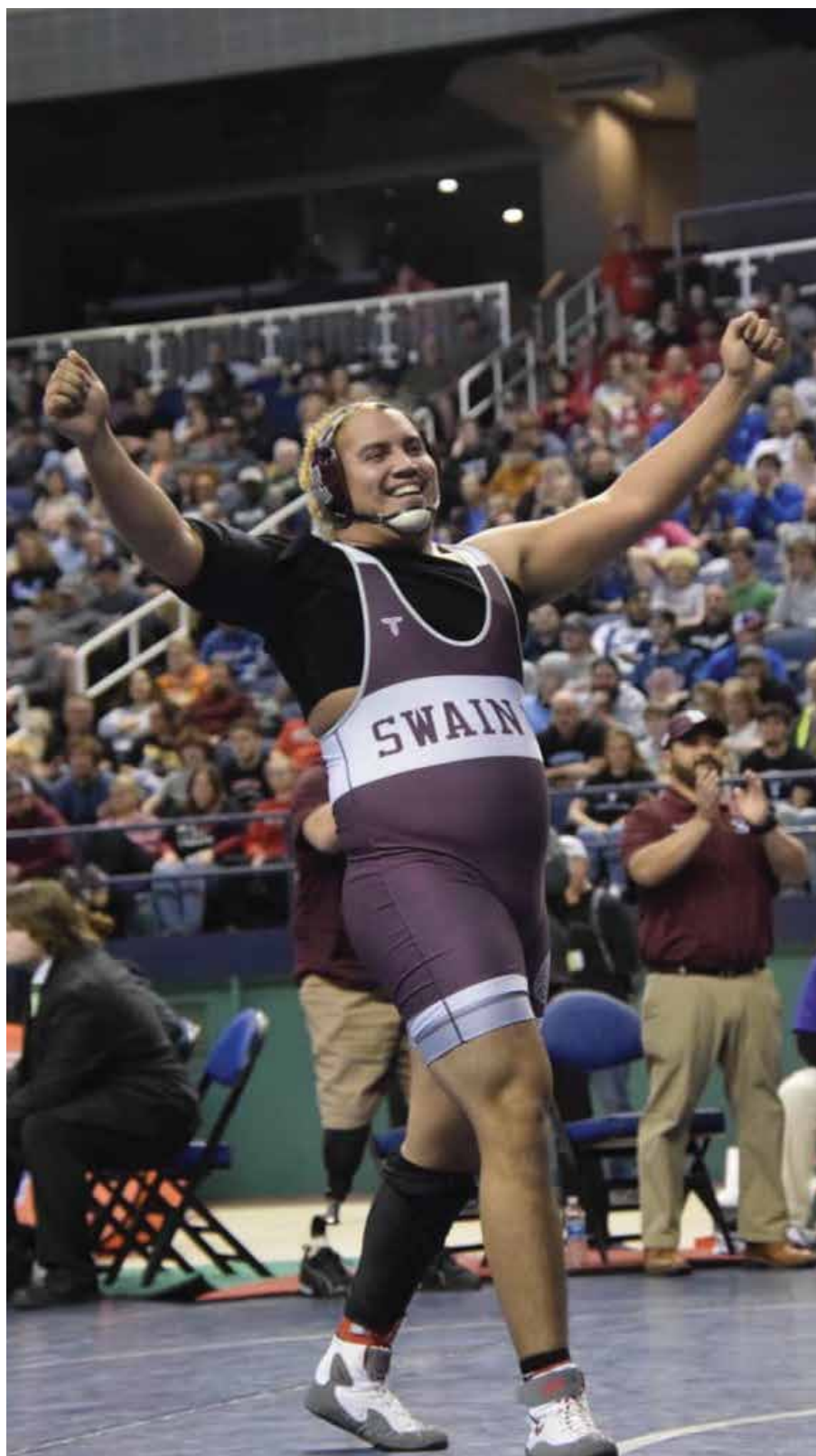
Seth Blackledge (Avery County, 50-2) won by fall over Jadon Maness (Uwharrie Charter, 25-6) (Fall 1:33)

220 lbs.

Koleson Dooley (Robbinsville, 30-8) won by decision over Tyler Stevens (Pamlico County, 38-13) (Dec 5-2)

285 lbs.

Kohlton "Tyce" Neadeau (Swain County, 49-7) won by decision over Johnatan Argueta (Starmount, 36-6) (Dec 11-6)



Kohlton "Tyce" Neadeau, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain County High School, defeated Johnathan Argueta of Starmount High School in an 11-6 decision to win the 285lb division at the 1A State Wrestling Championships held at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, Feb. 18. (Photo contributed)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sochan permit applications for Great Smoky Mountains National Park being accepted

To apply online for a 2023 sochan gathering permit, visit: <https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/>

If you have difficulty using the online application form, or to apply for a permit in person, please contact Desirae Kissell at desikiss@ebci-nsn.gov or 788-0219 for assistance.

Only members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permits. The gathering season will run three months, from March 1 to May 31, and each permittee is allowed to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week. A permittee may be accompanied by up to five guests.

A total of 36 permits are available to be issued. If more than 36 applications are received, those applications submitted first will receive priority and a wait list will be created.

To receive a permit, you must also complete the annual orientation on regulations and reporting requirements for the sochan gathering program. The annual orientation session will be held in person on March 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the TERO Technical Training Institute (3TI) located at 149 Children's Home

Loop, Cherokee, N.C.

In order to be eligible to receive a sochan gathering permit for the 2024 sochan harvest season, every 2023 permit holder must submit at least one harvest report. Gathering permits are limited. If you are chosen to receive a permit in 2023 and do not pick it up by March 17 or do not attend the required orientation, your permit will be given to the next applicant on the waitlist.

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept. release

Donations taken for Frances Hess Scholarship Fund

Smoky Mountain High School, in Sylva, N.C., is now accepting donations to the Frances Hess Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Smoky Mountain High School who plan to attend a postsecondary program in health science.

Hess taught health science for 17 years at Smoky Mountain High and for 13 years at Cherokee. She received her diploma from Mission Memorial's nursing school, and then managed the Emergency Room at Mission for some time. She then earned her BSN from Western Carolina University. Frances worked in a pediatrician's practice in Sylva before transitioning to her teaching career. She is an honorary member of

the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

In honor of Frances' impact on our schools and community, we are accepting donations to the scholarship fund. Interested persons can contact Kaila Day at 586-2177 ext. 2046 or kday@jcpsmail.org. Checks should be made out to SMHS HOSA with a memo "Frances Hess Scholarship." Donations for the 2022-23 graduates are due by March 31.

- Smoky Mountain High School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges against the person, or persons, responsible for shooting an elk calf on the Qualla Boundary. On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement staff responded to a citizen report of an elk calf at Tsali Manor (55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept.

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Decaf or caffeinated?

The Cherokee One Feather Coffee Challenge was held at Qualla Java on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 14. Participants were given seven small cups of coffee and were tasked with identifying which cups contained decaffeinated coffee and which cups had regular coffee. None of the participants answered all seven correctly, but each received a swag bag of goodies for their efforts. Shown, left to right, are Josiah Jones, Qualla Java coffee roaster; Lydia Raines, Qualla Java owner; Lena Salazar, participant; Landon French, participant; Danielle Murray, participant; Melody Little, participant; Susan Bogardus, participant; Juanita Wilson, participant; Tohisgi Climbingbear, participant; and Bobby Raines, Qualla Java owner. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearings for the Sequoyah National Golf Club, LLC Board pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Sequoyah National Golf Club, LLC Board confirmation hearings for

PAINTTOWN – JOSEPH EAGLEMAN, III, YELLOWHILL – ROBERT SAUNOOKE, WOLFTOWN – KEVIN JACKSON, BIG COVE – LISA FRADY, BIRDTOWN – CURTIS WILDCATT, SNOWBIRD/CHEROKEE COUNTY- JONAH BROWN
CHIEF'S APPOINTMENT – SHARON E. BRADLEY

Tuesday, March 7 at 1 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.
Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

**The final date for public comment will be
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Mary Ann Jacobs

Mary Ann Jacobs, age 87, of Cherokee N.C., passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023. She was born on May 5, 1935, in Chicago, Ill. She lived in Cherokee; Suitland, Md.; and Chandler, Ariz. before returning to the mountains with her husband Harvey in 1998.

Mary Ann was a member of First United Methodist Church of Sylva, where she loved to sing in the choir and teach Sunday school. She was a loving mother and grandmother, a wonderful cook and baker. She had an infectious laugh and loved to travel. She holds a special place in the hearts of her family and many special friends.

She will be dearly missed by her loving children, Adele Jacobs-Madden (Bradford), Brad

Jacobs; sister, Judy Duffy Bendle; grandchildren, Stephen and Joseph Madden, and Katie, Harvey, and Brooklyn Jacobs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna and Jack McCallum; husband, Harvey Jacobs Jr.; and her brother, Jackie McCallum.

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Appalachian Funeral Services, Sylva N.C.

Aniyah Christine Sampson

Aniyah Christine Sampson, age 9, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.

Aniyah is survived by her parents, Ryne "Slaw" and Sky Sampson; sisters, Kylana and Mataya Sampson; brother, Timber Sampson; grandma, Una Samp-

son, Mamaw, Christine Kanott and Papaw, Mark "Moe" Kanott; aunts, Sheena Lambert (Damon) and Charity Sampson; uncle, Mark Kanott (Christie Rogers); cousins, Ethan Kanott, Isabell Kanott, Shalayla Lambert, Zayden Lambert, Cameron Sampson, Maia Lane and Eli Lane. Aniyah also had many great-aunts, uncles, and cousins that loved her dearly.

She is preceded in death by a half-sister, R-ly Panther.

Aniyah's life was nothing short of amazing and anyone that knew her was touched by her faith. Her life was a true testament of God and all that he has promised us. God used Aniyah to spread the word and as an example of the faith we should have. As of Feb. 13, she is cancer-free and celebrating her time with puppies, exploring Heaven and visiting with Jesus. She has been welcomed home by family and friends, and she will be waiting to welcome us when God calls us home.

A formal funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 16 at Acquoni Baptist Church with friends and family speaking and officiating. Burial was in the Crowe-Littlejohn Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ryne Sampson, Timber Sampson, Cameron Sampson, and Mark Kanott. Honorary Pallbearer

was Jaden Armachain.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Harriett Roberta Crowe Rice

Harriett Roberta Crowe Rice, age 82, passed away on Monday, Feb. 13 at Mission Hospital after a brief illness. She is the daughter of the late, Edwin Clement Endros-Crowe and Cinda Reed.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Rogers (Cheryl); three grandchildren, Chad Rogers, Shane Rogers, and Taiya Rogers; sisters, Molli Price and Ruby Price; brothers, Joe Crowe, George Crowe, Eddie Crowe, Kenny Crowe, and Jackie Crowe.

In addition to her parents, Roberta is preceded in death by her husband, Franklin George Rice; sisters, Wilena Cox and Sally Ensley; and brother, Billy Crowe.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, Feb. 17 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Ben Reed officiating. Burial was in the Crowe Cemetery. Pallbearers were Shane Rogers, Chad Rogers, Eddie Crowe, Kane Crowe, Sammy Crowe, Jeff Price, and Lee Price.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



LEAF Festival

LEAF Cherokee Poster Art Design Contest

GLOBAL ARTS

This year's theme is **"The Drum, The Heartbeat of Humanity"**. The First place winner will receive \$800, a Free booth space at the October LEAF festival and your entry will be highlighted in an art gallery- style setting. Second place will receive \$200, plus a free booth space at the October Festival.


All entries must be submitted from February 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023. We are accepting digital pieces only set for 11x17, 18 x 24 and 24 x 36 common poster sizes. A contract will be given to the winners of the contest for written consent of use of work to promote the event.

Please submit a JPEG of your piece to **theironbead@gmail.com** along with your full name, address, phone number and email address by April 1st.


The winner will be announced on April 3rd.

We look forward to seeing your artwork.

If you would like to purchase a booth space at any of the LEAF events, please visit <https://theleaf.org/product/ha-booth-fee-fall>



Growing catnip



Set out catnip seedlings in a sunny, well-drained spot after the last frost of spring, spacing them 18"-24" apart (some can grow to 5 feet tall). Water regularly, and pinch back any spindly growth to get fuller, more robust foliage. Outdoor cats can be rough on these plants, as they like to roll and lay on them; try placing bamboo stakes every few inches to prevent their destroying them. For "indoor" kitties, pick off a sprig and bring it inside for your cat to enjoy on the floor or in its favorite bedding. - Brenda Weaver

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2023 EBCI Election Calendar

Principal Chief, Vice-Chief, Tribal Council (12 Seats) & School Board PT, BY, YH

Primary Election- Registration is now open and will close on April 28th at 4:00pm.

March-6	Filing for Office begins
March-10	Filing for Office closes
March-30	All Candidates must be notified of decision
April-3	Write-In Filing begins
April-7	Write-In Filing closes
April-3	Absentee Ballot request period begins
April-28	Voter Registration closes at 4:00pm For the Primary Election
April-30	All Write-In Candidates must be notified of decision
May 1-5	Beginning of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday
May 8-12	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
May-15	Absentee Applications by mail ends
May 15-19	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
May-20	Saturday Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm
May-22	End of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm
May-26	Absentee Voting In-Person ends at 4:00pm

June-1	Primary Election Day 6:00am-6:00pm
June-5	Registration books open for the General Election

General Election Information

July-3	Absentee Ballot request period begins
August-4	Registration Closes at 4:00pm for the General
August-8	Registration Closes at 4:00pm for the Referendum
August 7-11	Beginning of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
August 14-18	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
August-15	Absentee Application by mail ends for the General and Referendum
August 21-25	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
August-26	Saturday Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm
August-28	End of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm
August-31	Absentee Ballot for the Referendum must be returned and received by 4:00pm
September-1	Absentee Ballots for the General must be returned and received by 4:00pm
September-1	Absentee Voting In-person ends at 4:00pm
September-7	General Election 6:00am-6:00pm
September-11	Registration books will re-open

Voter Registration/Community Changes must be completed by April 28 for the Primary Election, August 4 for the General Election, and August 8 for the Referendum by 4:00pm. Enrolled Members who will be 18 years of age on the date of or prior to any Election may register to vote before the registration books close.



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- Zero Income (little chance of change) - every 3 to 6 months
- Zero Income (frequent changes in income) - every 1 to 2 months
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COMMENTARY

Why nobody knows

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We often get requests for last minute coverage. And we know that is the nature of news. It doesn't necessarily happen on anyone's timetable. It isn't realistic to think that we will get a heads-up before a building fire or a car accident. Things happen and many times they happen emergently. And we know that when those emergency things happen, for the most part, any detail we receive will be from agencies. We may rush out to get a photo of a crisis


in progress and may even get a little detail, but during a crisis is not typically the time officials want to chat with the media. Understandable, although I will say that when you watch or read the news, when a crisis is occurring, most agencies and governments, even those with significantly lower budgets than our tribal government, do have a person designated to provide incident information and reports via a press conference or a physical statement release.

Many times, those request for last minute coverage come from people who have planned an event for months and, as an afterthought, contact us and say "We have a ribbon cutting, dedication, guest speaker, etc., that is just starting. Can you be here in 15 minutes?" I have provided the

reporting staff a good supply of "squishy" or stress relief toys for those moments. Because with only two reporters that cover all things EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), the reporters aren't typically hanging out waiting for their phones to ring. They are constantly engaged in some aspect of news gathering, reporting, or documenting for the community. With the volume of material that we review, discuss, and then research to bring 24/7 coverage of the Qualla Boundary via website and social media, and a weekly print edition, it can be a little frustrating when we get the last-minute phone call for an event that has been scheduled for weeks.

There are times when we are figuratively at the office door of a newsmaker, virtually pounding on

it for information on a pressing issue when they either will not answer the door or be silent on an item of community importance. One Feather has routinely run into silence on certain issues of the day. It is a loophole or glitch in the public records law that before you can start the clock on any public information request, you must have a way to get the provider to acknowledge that they have the request. And I won't belabor the point that tribal newspapers, like the One Feather, face a very unattractive and possibly impossible option for information legally obtainable, particularly from tribal programs. The normal course of action for a media outlet is to petition the Court for information when it is not provided after a request process. That would




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mean the One Feather (a tribal program) would have to take the keeper of the information (a tribal program) to tribal court (also a tribal program). I have never been able to figure out who or how the tribal attorney would deal with both plaintiff and defendant being programs that his office would be bound to represent.

Wildly challenging is the tendency of tribal programs and entities to use their social media pages for official statements. Keep in mind that we have had tribal officials, both Executive and Legislative branch top officials, refer to social media as “the devil, evil, and a disease”. Yet the preferred way, and with some, exclusive way to deliver news is through social media. While there is no official Executive Branch Facebook page, the Principal Chief does have a very active page and Tribal Council sports its own page as well. Many of the largest tribal service providers, like Cherokee Indian Hospital and the Cherokee Indian Police Department, have pages on social media. And if you are familiar with public pages, there may be several moderators or administrators of a single page. One Feather has four and we only have five employees. Some of the larger entities of the tribe may have 10 or more. In addition, the page administrator may elect to allow outside agencies and partners to place content on their page, as is the case with EBCI Destination Marketing.

With the One Feather charged with verification of the information we report, trying to ensure that we may identify the source of, for example, a post on any one of the many people who use the group or official sites can be challenging. Who said it may be as important as what has been said. And keeping track of what has

been said by multiple people on multiple pages is daunting as well. But with all that said, most of the time, we have no choice but to repost information from other social media pages. For hundreds of years, that’s right, hundreds, in the public relations business, the industry standard for communicating official public information has been press releases. Documentation written for the express purpose of communicating from entity to the public. For many years at the Tribe, public information release has been severely restricted. Government, or at least some legislators and the Principal Chief at the time, did try to provide some structure to allow for public information to be more easily accessed through two measures in 2006, the “Free Press Act” and the “Public Records” ordinance. One of the issues with these two laws is that, like most laws in our Code, there is little or no “or else” language in the legislation, no “teeth”. What are the repercussions for denying or ignoring requests for information deemed “public” by the Code? Have you ever seen anyone prosecuted or even reprimanded for not providing information upon request from the tribal media, or from an individual for that matter?

Recently, there have been several incidents where the gossip got ahead of the reporting, and that is never good. One incident, in which a death occurred, spawned tale after tale about what happened. Because next to no information has been released, people continue to tout this or that theory about what actually happened. In some cases, because of an information vacuum, media outlets were publishing theory as to what happened in certain incidents based on that gossip that permeates social me-

dia. We do our best to avoid speculative chatter that doesn’t have substantiation and, in some cases, all that is available is community speculation because that is all the government has given.

One attorney once commented while the staff was having an open discussion on this issue that this gap between information keeping and information dissemination was a normal occurrence. “The government has always wanted to protect information while the press wants to release it.”

I have mentioned it before and it bears repeating, we as a community must never get to the point that we say, as one reader and community member did, “When the government wants you (the media) to know, they will tell you.”

I will use the most, or one of the most extreme examples of what can happen when we start down the road of allowing government to control the flow of information to the community. Just because it is extreme, doesn’t mean we should assume that it could never happen to us. Of course I refer to the actions of the Nazi regime in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

“When the Nazis came to power in 1933, the German constitution guaranteed freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Through decrees and laws, the Nazis abolished these civil rights and destroyed German democracy. Starting in 1934, it was illegal to criticize the Nazi government. Even telling a joke about Hitler was considered treachery. People in Nazi Germany could not say or write whatever they wanted. Examples of censorship under the Nazis included: closing down or taking over anti-Nazi newspapers; controlling what news appeared in the newspapers, on the radio, and

in newsreels; banning and burning books that the Nazis categorized as un-German; controlling what soldiers wrote home during World War II.” (encyclopedia.ushmm.org)

I use this example only to drive home the point that we must not get slack nor apathetic when it comes to our civil rights. Free speech and a free press are basic civil rights that should be a part of any governing document of a free people. And yet for the Eastern Band, it is not. Nor are any of the other privileges we take for granted. Pay attention. Demand clarity and consequences for violating the Free Press Act and the Public Records ordinance. For the most part, our current government supports your right to know, even though the mechanism for you to get to know needs an overhaul. Because we have elections for our legislators every two years, we could see change for the better or worse regarding freedoms like speech and press on a regular and frequent basis. We always need to remind and support each other in these basic freedoms that affect the entire community.

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MONDAY, FEB. 20
SEASON'S BEST
N/A
12:18 PM-2:18 PM

TUESDAY, FEB. 21
BETTER
12:45 AM-2:45 AM
1:10 PM-3:10 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22
GOOD
1:35 AM-3:35 AM
2:00 PM-4:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEB. 23
AVERAGE
2:24 AM-4:24 AM
2:47 PM-4:47 PM

FRIDAY, FEB. 24
AVERAGE
3:11 AM-5:11 AM
3:35 PM-5:35 PM

SATURDAY, FEB. 25
AVERAGE
3:59 AM-5:59 AM
4:23 PM-6:23 PM

SUNDAY, FEB. 26
AVERAGE
4:48 AM-6:48 AM
5:13 PM-7:13 PM

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Jesus, God's sacrifice, our only answer for our sin

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

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

Read Genesis 22:1-19; 15:1-15; Isaiah 49:8-11,13; Hebrews 11:8-19

All believers have an advantage, and possibly are considered as having an unfair advantage. The children of God have an advantage in the Earth, because they serve the God to Whom the Earth belongs! They serve the God directing their steps. They serve the God sending the answers, by His testing of them, as they keep on walking up that mountain. He is the God Who has given them all the answers!

So, one can say, "I'm going through a test. I'm going through a trial, and it's the hardest thing I've ever been through. I'm not sure which way to turn."

How about, "Don't turn?" Put one's eyes on Jesus and declare, "I'll go where You'd have me go."

My wife, Cassie, and I have a saying that we've had for many years. "We're unwilling to step out from underneath the umbrella of the Blessing of God."

This means, "we go where He goes, we stop when He stops. When He goes faster, we go faster. When He backs up, we back up." Why? "Wherever He is, we want to be."

People look at our lives and ask us, "How'd we do it?"

My Dad said to me, just last night, "All the Blessings of God are on your life. It has to be God because you're not smart enough."

Of course, I had to agree with him. How many realize, we don't have to be smart, just smart enough to be obedient? We don't have to be fast, we only keep up with Him? There's a God in Heaven waiting to Bless us.

"Their own answers are crawling up the other side of that mountain. If one doesn't stop, doesn't quit, they'll have their answer. And, when there, "they'll find out the God of Heaven has a Great Plan for their own life.

Anyone asking, "Why did Abraham have to go through all this?"

"The test Abraham had to pass, wasn't a little one for him, nor would it have been for any of us. Elderly Abraham, showed God obedience without any signs of hesitation or complaint. Could he obey God's overwhelming request, in this most difficult decision, by making this, a forbidden sacrifice of his only son's life, at over 110 years of age? Isaac, born of their own bodies, a miracle already, was he willing to place him on that altar, the knife in his own hand? Without a complaint, could we have done that? Would Isaac have allowed it? How much Abraham had to trust God! Could any of us say, we would've done it? Would God have entrusted any of us to do so?

God wanted us to see how amazing His Blessing really is, sent our way, through His Son, Jesus, climbing that same mountain. By the way, if one goes back into Jewish Tradition, it was on Mt. Moriah that Abraham offered Isaac, and was the same Mt. Calvary Jesus would be offered on!

What God's trying to get us to see, through the largest test, humanity has ever taken, His purpose, is to get His Blessing to us. This is the

Truth, no matter where we reside in the world today. The Greatest Blessing is still Jesus.

As one man was willing to give up his beloved son, Isaac, the God of Heaven decided to give us, His Son, Jesus. While the ram offered, was their sacrifice, instead of Isaac, the God of Heaven gave up, for everyone, His Son, Jesus.

While the ram took the place of Isaac, Jesus took the place of everyone choosing to believe. He did it all for us. The Bible declares in Revelation, "He was the Lamb slain from the foundations of the Earth. He was as good as already slain from the foundations of the Earth. He was already slain on the Cross of Calvary before Abraham was even born, before Isaac was ever placed on that altar.

Regardless of where one is, what one has done in life, wherever one's been, what's been said about them, doesn't matter. Jesus already was given for each one of us. We're not telling anyone life is easy. God knows every step each has taken, has already finished everything in one's life, before He started any of us. He already knows all about each one of us. "I will bring each of you to an expected end." He knows each of us intimately. He wants us to know Him, intimately.



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*How blessed is everyone who fears
the Lord, who walks in His ways.
When you shall eat of the fruit of
your hands, you will be happy and
it will be well with you. Your wife
shall be like a fruitful vine within
your house, your children like olive
plants around your table.*

 PSALM 128:1-3 

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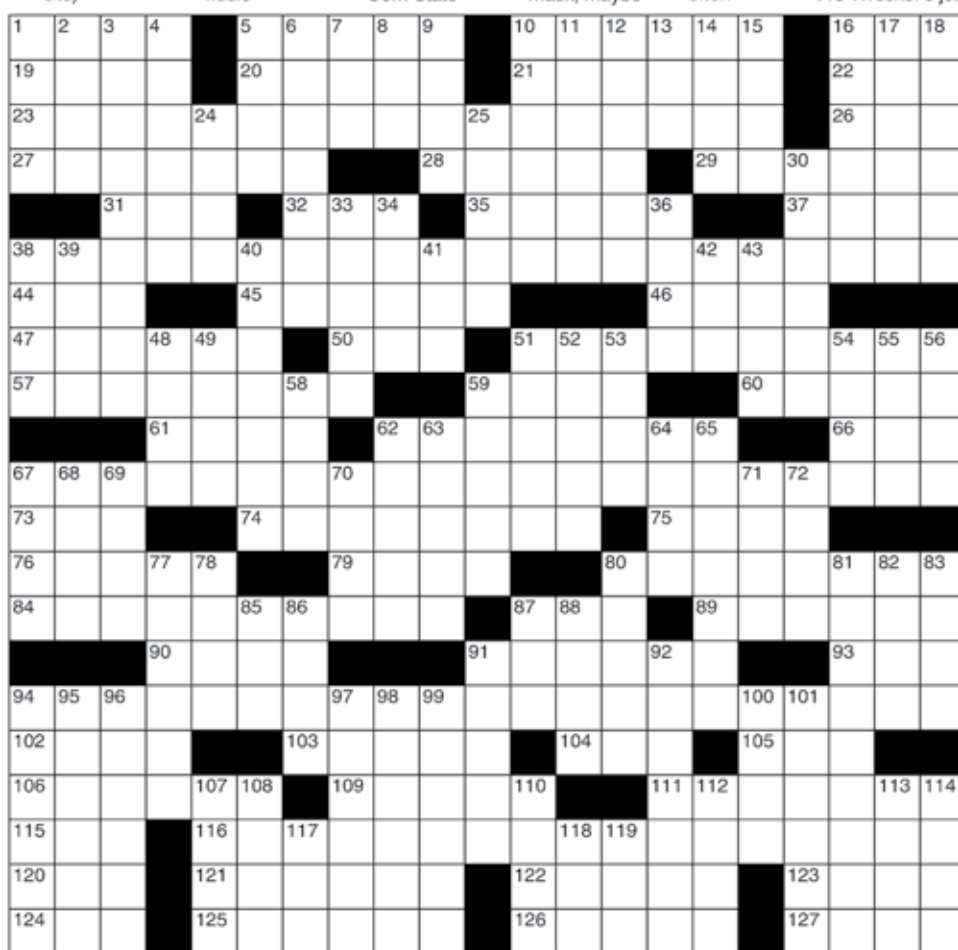
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ACROSS

- 1 Four-string guitar
5 Bits of land in el agua
10 Luca Brasi in "The Godfather," e.g.
16 Soft infant food
19 Life — know it
20 New Mexico or Colorado county
21 Useless
22 Division of history
23 Start of a riddle
26 Mantra syllables
27 Old-time cleaning cake
28 Tennis' Safin
29 Not skilled in at all
31 Heavy weight
32 All — sudden
35 Spoken
37 French movie theater
38 Riddle, part 2
44 President Biden
45 Speaks
46 Singer Turner
47 Tell el — (Nile excavation site)
- 50 It fills la mer
51 Riddle, part 3
57 Becomes familiar with anew
59 Per-unit price
60 Mortise insertion
61 Ambulance VIPs
62 Decorative dashboard finish
66 Chain in biology
67 Riddle, part 4
73 China's Chou En- —
74 Like many soda bottles, volume-wise
75 Purposely ignore
76 Book of charts
79 IRS form IDs
80 "— is a virtue"
84 Riddle, part 5
87 In honor of
89 Small river
90 — -mutuel betting
91 Oxygen-requiring bacterium
93 Start for center or Pen
94 End of the riddle
- 102 Square yardage, e.g.
103 Instant replay option
104 Expressive rock genre
105 — Leppard (rock band)
106 Mythical man-goats
109 "In the red," e.g.
111 Division of history
115 Concorde, e.g., in brief
116 Riddle's answer
120 Grassland
121 Henner of "Taxi"
122 — Island (Providence's state)
123 Old TV's — May Clampett
124 Work unit
125 Workout wear
126 Planted
127 Some deli loaves
- 6 Leave for a short time
7 Spy novelist Deighton
8 Exhibit works
9 "... or — told"
10 Drag racer
11 New York home of Cornell
12 Relative of a stickpin
13 Raging crowd
14 PDQ's cousin
15 Emperor after Claudius I
16 City on the Illinois River
17 Ralph Lauren competitor
18 Pale hue
24 Actress Skye
25 Main parts of churches
30 Fuel rating
33 Galas
34 On the Red, e.g.
36 Former senator Trent
38 Open slightly
39 City in Alaska
40 Four-piece band
41 Writer Capote, to pals
42 Org. in many spy novels
43 Make a ski mask, maybe
- 48 Lagoon surround
49 Christen
51 Core group
52 Frisky swimmer
53 Uncool sort
54 About
55 Lower-class, to Brits
56 Growl threateningly
58 Warning initials above an internet link
59 Hair bases
62 Actress Kate of "Grey's Anatomy"
63 Of sheep
64 "Casablanca" woman
65 Prized buy for a coin collector
67 Nail on a paw
68 Pledge
69 Brand of sneakers
70 Didn't win
71 Hang it up
72 App that asks "Where to?"
77 Frolicking
78 Move back and forth
80 Open tourney, often
81 Necessarily
82 Sleeveless cloak
83 Arabian chief
85 Pooch noise
86 Misters
87 Agent's cut
88 "... there — square"
91 Something hilarious
92 Fabric with raised designs
94 Grapple with, slangily
95 Slate clearer
96 Attachment to a dog or cat collar
97 "House" actress Wilde
98 Old-time Ford
99 NASA countdown term
100 Ferber of fiction
101 — regions (Hades)
107 Crater edges
108 Novelist Irwin
110 Corp. VIPs
112 Squeezed (out)
113 Be in power
114 Jubilant cries
117 Exist
118 "So that's your trick!"
119 Wrecker's job

DOWN

- 1 Cry noisily
2 Ghostly pale
3 Real bargain
4 Electric eye, e.g.
5 "The Tall Corn State"



See answers on page 28

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of 4 John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Romans 10, what body part does Paul call "beautiful" on those who bring the good news? *Hands, Mouth, Heart, Feet*
3. Who died after getting his long hair caught in a tree and being found by enemy soldiers? *Absalom, Joash, Ahaz, Asa*
4. From Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are ..."? *Worthy, Chosen, Winners, Liked*
5. What caused the death of Job's children? *Famine, Flood, Windstorm, Beheaded*
6. Who was the mate of Abigail? *Abraham, Adam, Nabal, Baasha*

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1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

Kituwah Mound. Celebrating the return of the Mother Town.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Qualla Boundary Local Senior Games. March 2 to May 1. Ages 50 and over. Registration is now through Friday, Feb. 17 at 4:30 p.m., and registration forms are available at the following locations: Tsali Manor 359-6860, Snowbird Recreation 346-6961, Birdtown Gym 359-6890, Snowbird Senior Center 346-6746, and John Welch Senior Center 835-9741. Events include: archery, basketball shooting, billiards, bocce, bowling, cornhole, croquet, cycling, football throw, golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, softball throw, table tennis, pickleball, track and field events, mini-golf, basketball tournament, and a softball tournament. Info: Janelle Rattler, Qualla Boundary Senior

Games coordinator, 359-6890

EBCI NASA/NAYO Volleyball Qualifier.

March 18. Free entry. Winning teams will be guaranteed a spot in the NASA/NAYO Volleyball Pop-Up. Enter your team by Friday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

- NASA Co-Ed (18+) is best of three (25-25-15) or one-hour time limit. Eight-person rosters with three females on the court at all times. Men cannot spike from the front row. Net is set at men's height.

- NAYO (Girls 12-14 and Girls 15-17) is best of three (25-25-15) or one-hour time limit. Eight person roster.

Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906

UPCOMING POW WOWS

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Sometimes a setback gives you a chance to get a sharper perspective on the situation at hand. Your cheerful nature will help you override this temporary disappointment. What you learn from this pays off soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to charge into something you don't fully understand. Being asked to act on trust might be all right, as long as you can trust the one who asks.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A chance for romance beckons from someone you thought was far out of reach. But Cupid can always come up with a shortcut. How you respond to the situation determines how the relationship develops.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career move seems more likely now than when you first considered it. Some of your plans will need readjusting as new facts emerge. Be careful that you don't allow jealousy to create an unnecessary obstacle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your love for beautiful things is part of what makes you the fine feline you are. But a little caution is advisable for a while. Resist the urge to splurge until your money signs look a little better.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A co-worker could be trying to undermine you. Resist the temptation to retaliate. Instead, keep careful records of what you do so that you'll be ready to present a strong position when the time comes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Family problems have been sim-

mering for a while and could soon boil over. Avoid taking sides. There are many facts you don't know yet. Meanwhile, a business decision proves to be more complicated than you expected.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Cupid's arrow can pierce hearts, but it can't open tight lips. Only you can do that. That special someone you've been silently pining for all this time would love to hear you express those feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Well-meaning friends might try to persuade you to give up on that project that seems to have hit a dead end. Someone will take notice, and your persistence will pay off.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's one thing to make a difficult decision, but you also have to stick with it, despite any pressures to get you to change your mind. You need to reassure someone you care for that you can keep your commitments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for you to remember to be good to yourself. A trip to a place that was once very special in your life reawakens many precious memories, and soon leads to making new ones.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem flares up and needs attention. Also, a chilly reaction from a once-warm friend needs to be confronted. Set the record straight before it's too late to save the friendship.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy helping others. You have a taste for life's luxuries and will take risks to get what you want. In matters of amour, you love deeply, and you expect your amorous intensity to be returned in kind.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

A 48-Year Theft

Forty-eight years is a long time to pull off a scam, but one woman managed to keep it going for that long. The crime: forging her mother's signature on the back of checks for widows' benefits ... for 48 years.

During all those years she continued to send in fraudulent paperwork while impersonating her mother — who died in 1973 — and continued to collect the money. Her excuse, when finally caught, was that her abusive husband told her to keep cashing the checks. She divorced him and was then out from under his control, yet she continued to cash the checks.

Yes, when her mother died she had to take in and raise her younger siblings, so it's possibly understandable that she assumed she could take the money that had been meant for her mother. But eventually those children grew up and were no longer minors living at home.

In the middle of the decades-long theft, she filed for bankruptcy and claimed she had no income, even though she was receiving the Department of Veterans Affairs benefits checks all along.

She'll need to repay the \$416,000 that she stole (not likely to happen), but there's no jail sentence, only a year of home confinement, because the perp in this case is now 76 years old.

Why, inquiring minds want to know, does the VA not demand proof of life or some type of verification about where the money is going when benefits are paid year after year, decade after decade?

Surely someone could have done the math. If the mother was X years old when she started collecting the widow benefits, what were the odds she was still living 20 years, 30 years or 40 years later? Couldn't someone have asked for verification? Or gone to the door? Just receiving handwritten forms over the years doesn't seem like much of an effort to safeguard the funds that are sent out.

That \$416,000 (that they'll likely never see again) is a lot of money.

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Positive Reinforcement Will Nip Cat's Negative Behaviors

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat Huey will let me pet him for a few seconds, and then he'll nip at my fingers or knuckles. Am I doing something wrong? How can I get him to stop that behavior? — Sarah W., Boston

DEAR SARAH: Nipping at your hand while being petted is a very common cat behavior (or misbehavior, depending on which end of the bite you're on). It stems from instinctive behaviors that a cat learns from the time they're born through adulthood.

Ideally, the best time to curb biting behavior is when they're kittens, but not everyone has that luxury — people who've adopted adult cats, for example, or owners who thought a kitten nipping their knuckles was cute, until that kitten turned into a full-grown, biting cat.

As you've probably noticed, yelling, "No" at a cat doesn't always get the desired effect. Instead, gently discourage this behavior. Pet your cat as usual, but as soon as he begins to bite, withdraw your hand and turn your body partly or totally away from him. You want to communicate that biting means he won't get your attention any longer.

Another option, before settling in front of the television with Huey snuggled up next to you, is to smear a tiny bit of peanut butter or another favorite treat across your knuckles. Let him lick your knuckles periodically while you pet him. The instant he tries to bite, take your hand away. Essentially, you want Huey to not see your hand as a toy or an attention-getter. It will take a few tries, but most cats pick up on your intentions after a while, so be patient and consistent with this training.

Does your cat bite? How did you solve it? Tell us at ask@pawscorner.com.

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EVENTS: From page 29

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.

38th Annual Wa:k Pow Wow.

March 18-19 behind the San Xavier Mission del Bac Church in Tucson, Ariz. MC: Ryan Rumley. Host Northern Drum: Wild Medicine. Head Southern Singer: Kenneth Cozad. Info: WakPowWow@gmail.com

Lead by Example Pow Wow.

March 18-19 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre in Strathmore, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Donald Speidal and Howie Thompson. Host Drum: Blackfoot Confederacy. Info: Melodie Ayounghman-Hunt (403) 499-9910, melodieaym@gmail.com

1st Annual Marin Pow Wow.

March 19 at The Fairfax Pavilion (Big Red Barn) in Fairfax, Calif. Host Northern Drum: All Nations. Info: Mary Kitchens (415) 342-2049, mary.kitchens@yahoo.com

40th Annual Harold A. Cedar-tree Memorial Pow Wow.

March 23-25 at the Wilkinson Student Center in Provo, Utah. Info: Shiegrid Hernandez, shiegrid_hernandez@byu.edu

Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland Winter Social Dance.

March 25 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, Ind. Info: Jeff (630) 405-3574, Plantman502@aol.com

Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.

March 25 at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: IndianCreekProductions@gmail.com, www.indiancreekproductions.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS Happenings at John C Campbell School at 1 Folk School Road in Brasstown, N.C.

All events are open to the public. Info: www.folkschool.org/events

- Friday, Feb. 24: Concert with Mother Marrow. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Saturday, Feb. 25: Community Dance, Phil Jamison w/Rabbit Roundup. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 28: Dance and Social with Jane Rothfield and Allan Carr w/ House Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friday, March 3: Concert with Jane Rothfield and Allan Carr. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Monday, March 6: Shape Note

Singing w/ Stefani Priskos. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 7: Dance and Social with The Dog Branch Cats w/ Bob Dalsemer. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friday, March 10: Concert with The Dog Branch Cats. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Saturday, March 11: Community Dance with The Dog Branch Cats w/ Bob Dalsemer. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 14: Dance and Social with Tom Morely w/House Band & Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friday, March 17: Concert with Stringer's Ridge. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 21: Dance and Social with Bob and Amy Buckingham w/ House Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Saturday, March 25: Community Dance with House band w/Nancy Mamlin. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 28: Dance and Social with House Band & Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friday, March 31: Concert with Larry Unger. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct annual organizational meeting.

Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include electing precinct officers and delegates to the County Convention. For more information, or to request the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle). Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the author of several books including "Even As We Breathe", her debut novel which was named one of NPR's Best Books of 2020. This is a free lecture. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

Haywood Co. Arts Council (HCAC) featured artists' exhibit. Through Feb. 27 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially-curated exhibit features 12 HCAC artist members who will have monthly features throughout 2023. Artists are chosen by opting into a drawing during membership renewal. The opening reception is on Feb. 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info: www.haywoodartscouncil.org, (828) 452-0593

Presentation by William Isom II entitled "Cherokee Slaveholders & East Tennessee". March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funk-heritage

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Anita Finger-Smith will give a presentation entitled "Cherokee Lands in the Marketplace in WNC 1819-1829". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Making Clay Faces Class. March 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids. Students will make, bake, and paint faces of clay and decorate to hang. Ages 7-17. Info: Dianne Gardner (760) 974-6583, rosieo91504@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Lecture Series at Sequoyah



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Birthplace Museum (Dawn Arneach). March 19 at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Dawn Arneach, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will present “Learn how to find your ancestors and hear what they shared through the generations”. This is a free lecture. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

Southwestern Community College community courses.

• Raku Potter. March 6-29, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 125. Instructor – J. McKee. Learn the art of Raku. Explore crackle and luster glazes. Students will learn what types of forms to create and how to glaze and fire them. Cost of materials not included. Pre-req: Beginning Wheel and/or instructor’s permission

• Horse Hair Pottery. April 3-26, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 125. Instructor – J. McKee. Explore this simple process that creates expressive results. Students will learn what types of clays to use, what shapes and forms best, and how to safely use this process. Cost of materials not included. Pre-req: Beginning Wheel and/or instructor’s permission

• Beginning Wheel II. April 4 – May 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$125, Swain Center Room 123. Instructor – M. Burrell. For beginning students. Students will learn to center clay on a wheel and make basic forms including cylinders, bowls, and plates, as well as turning, trimming, and glazing basic forms. Must be 18-years-old or older. No pre-requisite. Cost of materials not included.

• Color & Weave. May 5-6, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 123. Learn the basics of weaving and create a table runner or scarf in this two-day workshop. Spend the first day on how to warp and set up your loom, then begin weaving. The second day, you will continue to weave and complete your project. All materials provided. No pre-requisite. Info: Register online at: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/class-schedule>

Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (Dr. Lin Stepp). April 1 at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Dr. Lin Stepp will be lecturing and holding a book signing for her latest book, “Seeking Ayita” which is set in Cherokee, N.C. This is a free lecture. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

Easter Hat Parade. April 15 at 2 p.m. in Dillsboro, N.C. Judges select the best hats in more than 20 categories including: biggest, smallest, funniest, best-smelling, “poofy-est”, most creatives, most spring-like, and most outrageous. Easter egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m.

Cherokee High School and Teacher exhibit. May 3-29 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially curated exhibit, curat-

ed by Lori Reed, features work of Cherokee High School students and their teachers in celebration of the unveiling of the Cherokee-inspired and -designed mural on the HCAC’s building back wall facing Wall Street. Info: www.haywoodartscouncil.org, (828) 452-0593

Plott-Toberfest. Oct. 5-8 in Canton, N.C. Sponsored by the Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society. Traditional German heritage will be featured. Info: 564-1044, nchchgs.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



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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 23-006

In the Matter of the Estate of ANNABELLE WATTY VALDEZ

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

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

below.

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

Dawnena Taylor (Nena)
PO Box 1011
Cherokee, NC 28719
3/8pd

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Intent to Revise

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the Tribe's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located along the Oconaluftee River. Specifically, the flood hazard information will be revised along the Oconaluftee River from a point

approximately at the confluence with the Tuckasegee River to a point approximately 3,200 feet upstream of Enloe Floyd Bottoms Road. As a result of the revision, the floodway will widen and/or narrow along the route. The 1-percent-annual-chance water-surface elevations shall increase and/or decrease, and the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain will widen and/or narrow within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Office of Environment and Natural Resources, 1840 Painttown Road, Cherokee, NC. Interested persons may contact Ken Green, PE at 828-359-6120 or by email at kengree@ebci-nsn.gov for additional information from 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Review of maps is available until 03/08/2023. Comments must be received by 03/15/2023.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LAND CLEARING

LOWER OLD #4 HOUSING

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking general contractors with heavy equipment to provide tree cutting and grubbing on approximately .75 to 1 acre of land. Contractor will be responsible for disposing of all stumps and trees. Burning on site will be allowed if feasible. For additional information or scope of work contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov. Label the sealed envelope ON TREE CUTTING. All bids are due by 4:00 PM on February 22nd at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division Main Office. A mandatory site visit will be held on February 10th at 2:00 PM 2/22

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS


CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION

QUALLA HOUSING SERVICES


687 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Painting

Qualla Housing Services of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from competent firms for the exterior painting of rental units located at:

- 118 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 74 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 64/62 (Duplex) Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 60/58 (Duplex) Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 54 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 19 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing



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Qualla Boundary
Historical Society



11th U.S. Census - 1890

The 11th U.S. Census records in 1890 show that North Carolina's Eastern Band of Cherokee (1,520) main occupation was farming with some head of households claiming that lumbering or working as day laborers provided for their families. Very few were skilled tradesmen or in the mechanics trades. Those with special skills provided for their families through the arts of cobbling, blacksmithing, harness making, carpentry, and wagon making. Sololah (Squirrel) was a smithy known for producing fine-edged knives and guns (shown in photo at right). By this time, there was little commercial market opportunities for traditional baskets and pottery, although some Cherokee women kept the production of these crafts alive.

The EBCI resided in Swain and Jackson Counties within five precincts: Bird-Town, where a US Post Office was located; Yellow Hill, the locale for the US Indian Agency and the Training School operated by the Society of Friends; Wolf-Town, Paint-Town, and Big Cove Town (also known as The Cove). The eastern section of Qualla Boundary was also known as Macedonia. The rest of the EBCI lived in Graham and Cherokee counties with the whole of the Qualla Boundary comprising about 65,000 acres.

Photo by Robin Swayney

Source: Dr. Sue Abram

The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or emailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is February 24, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. Please email Robert Welch at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. Contracts may be awarded based on individual bids submitted for each house. **2/22**

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the project noted .

Tsali Long Term Care Facility in Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:

Stone, Siding, Roofing, Doors and Hardware, Drywall, Flooring, Painting, Casework, Landscaping on February 28 , 2023 at 2:00pm CST.

Please contact Carson Chandler carsonc@robinsmorton.com , Taylor Payne tpayne@robinsmorton.com or Brandon McDonald bmcdonald@robinsmorton.com for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Carson Chandler at carsonc@robinsmorton.com and Taylor Payne tpayne@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are

encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **2/22**

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the project noted .

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Hotel and Casino Expansion
Murphy, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:
Selective Demolition, Millwork, Doors and Hardware, Drywall and Interior Framing, Flooring, Painting and Wallcovering, Fire Sprinkler on March 1, 2023 at 2:00pm CST.

Please contact William Byrd williamb@robinsmorton.com, Jeremy Bolton jbolton@robinsmorton.com, Carson Chandler carsonc@robinsmorton.com or Brandon McDonald bmcdonald@robinsmorton.com for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Carson Chandler at carsonc@robinsmorton.com and Brandon McDonald bmcdonald@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **2/22**

Request for Proposals

Total Rehab Services
For 1 Apartment
Unit 16 Heritage (Soco)
Cherokee Indian Housing
Division is seeking contractors to

provide total rehab services for apartment 16 Heritage located off of Wolfstown Road on Newman Arneach Drive. Work will consist of all new flooring and new paint throughout the unit and replacing all outlets and switches with new. The old flooring will have to be removed along with the carpet on the steps. All doors will have to be repainted and some exterior power washing and work will be needed. Mandatory site visit will be held on February 22nd at 2pm. The scope of work will be provided at this time as well as material list. Sealed Bids are due March 3rd by 4:00pm and Label the envelope Heritage 16. For any additional information Peanut Crowe 828-788-7097. **2/22**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Title:
Geo-Technical Engineering
Services

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified geo-technical engineering firms to provide pre-construction services, construction materials testing, special inspections and SWPPP compliance inspections for construction projects. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Ken Green, at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@ebci-nsn.gov.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Ken Green, EBCI Project Management Program. Proposals must be received by 03/01/2023@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation.

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Ken Green. **2/22**

**theonefeather.com is a
great resource for all
EBCI-related links**

**See the "LINKS" button at
theonefeather.com and see a
listing of website links to
various tribal entities and
Cherokee-related businesses.**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553

Cherokee, NC 28719

828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, February 26, 2023

1. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. School Resource Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Probation Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
4. Bailiff – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Probation Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
7. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
9. Driver (Multiple) (Shift: Monday through Friday, 3pm – 12am) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
13. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
14. Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
15. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
16. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
17. Lead Horticulture Technician – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
18. Legal Services Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852)
19. Financial Analyst (Multiple) – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
20. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Head Cook – Snowbird Senior Citizens – Snowbird and Cherokee County (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
23. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
24. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
25. Supervisor (Regulatory Compliance) – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)
26. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
27. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)

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.



Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am-4:30pm

Now Available - TERO's Job Listing February 2023



The Tribal Employment Rights Office ("TERO") is pleased to provide a monthly job listing for the Cherokee area. Please visit the TERO Office or TERO's website at ebci-tero.com to receive the job list for February 2023. Our office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

TERO Job Bank



If you are seeking employment and you are:

- o An enrolled member of the EBCI
- o Spouse, parent, or child of an EBCI enrolled member
- o An enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe
- o Spouse of an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe

You are eligible to enroll in TERO's Job Bank for job referrals. Please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.

Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422
hillnory@ebci-nsp.gov

Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478
dougmcco@ebci-nsp.gov



MANDARA SPA.

Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:

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- **Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support** – hospitality experience preferred
- **Concierge for Front Desk** – hospitality experience preferred
- **Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host** – no experience required

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Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings

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visit: www.ces-ne.org for more information.

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

1. Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant
2. Middle School ISS Teacher Assistant
3. K-5 Lifeskills Teacher
4. Cultural Department Coordinator
5. 6-8 Special Education Alternative Teacher
6. Middle School Science Teacher
7. Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
8. Elementary Teacher
9. Middle School Special Education Pathseekeers Teacher
10. Math Teacher (High School)
11. Part Time Substitute Teachers
12. Elementary Special Education Teacher Assistant



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GUT REHAB SERVICES FOR 2 HOUSES

BIG COVE HOUSING – SECOND REQUEST

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking contractors to provide gut rehab services on two homes located at **24 Big Cove Housing and 26 Big Cover Housing Cherokee, NC.** Demo has been completed. Work will consist of returning the units to new construction condition. Work will consist of tasks from insulation to final trim out including the replacement of exterior doors. Installation of all electrical switches and outlets will be installed by Housing Division staff. Installation of commodes and plumbing fixtures will also be handled by Housing Division staff. Mandatory site visit will be held on February 27th. Material lists with item numbers will be provided at that time.

For additional information contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov.

Sealed bids are due by 4:00 PM March 3, 2023. Label the sealed envelope **HOUSING GUT REHAB. 3/1**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REHAB SERVICES FOR FOUR HOUSES SECOND REQUEST

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking contractors to provide rehab services on **four homes located at 97, 98, 126 Upper Old #4 Housing and 1312 Old #4 Road in Cherokee, NC and one home** : Work will consist of returning the units to new construction condition. Work will consist of tasks from insulation to final trim out including the replacement of exterior doors. Installation of all electrical switches and outlets will be installed by Housing Division staff. Installation of commodes and plumbing fixtures will also be handled by Housing Division staff. Mandatory site visit will be held on January 27 at 2 PM. Material lists with item numbers will be provided at that time.

For additional information contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov. Sealed bids are due by 4:00 PM March 10, 2023.

Label the sealed envelope
HOUSING GUT REHAB.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GUT REHAB SERVICES FOR 2 HOUSES SECOND REQUEST

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking contractors to provide gut rehab services on two homes located at **190 Tsali Manor Street – Unit 15 and 39 Carol Beck Lane in Cherokee, NC.** Demo has been completed. Work will consist of returning the units to new construction condition. Work will consist of tasks from insulation to final trim out including the replacement of exterior doors. Installation of all electrical switches and outlets will be installed by Housing Division staff. Installation of commodes and plumbing fixtures will also be handled by Housing Division staff. Mandatory site visit will be held on March 1st at 2 PM. Material lists with item numbers will be provided at that time.

For additional information contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov.

Sealed bids are due by 4:00 PM March 10, 2023. Label the sealed envelope
HOUSING GUT REHAB.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE:

Accounts Payable Processor \$19.66 - \$22.25
Billing Analyst II \$19.66 - \$22.25
Senior Accountant \$67,082 - \$83,852
Patient Access Specialist - *Part Time Intermittent
\$17.12 - \$19.26

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions
available **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety \$44,107 -
\$55,134
Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central
Schools \$44,107 - \$55,134
Registered Nurse *Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68
- \$38.72
Behavioral Health Consultant I - \$50,723 -
\$63,404 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwtiyi \$21.13 -
\$23.98
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder \$17.12 - \$19.26

ENGINEERING

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

OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528
PGY2 Pharmacy Resident \$102,023 - \$127,528
Dentist – Pediatrics \$131,405 - \$164,256
Dental Assistant I \$17.12 - \$19.26
Dental Assistant II \$18.32 – \$20.67
Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider- Part Time Intermittent
- \$109,504 - \$136,880
Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404
FNP/PA – ICC \$91,254 - \$114,067
Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108
Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time / Part Time
Regular - \$157,686 - \$197,108

NURSING

Acupuncturist - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse - \$33.68 -
\$38.72 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse – Part Time
Intermittent \$33.68 - \$38.72
Care Manager (IDD/TBI) – Primary Care \$31.06
- \$35.64
Certified Medical Assistant – Pediatrics - \$21.13 -
\$23.98
Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 -
\$38.72 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64
**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift)
Registered Nurse – Satellite Clinic TJCC/BH - \$31.06
- \$35.64 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Social Worker – Inpatient - \$44,107 - \$55,134

TSALI CARE CENTER

Assistant Director of Nursing \$67,082 - \$83,852
Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26
\$3,000 Hiring Bonus
Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$5,000 Hiring
Bonus**
Fiscal Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



The Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI are also eligible. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income. Program staff members may refer to this section of the Head Start Act to further understand eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start: Sec. 645 of the Head Start Act.

2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.	

The poverty guidelines (shown at left) are adjusted for families of different sizes and may be used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start services. The guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services. A single set of guidelines applies to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. There are separate sets of poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii. These guidelines may be used when determining a family's eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start services.



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