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Language in a bill currently going through the Senate states, “Congress finds that American Indian children and Alaska Native children experience PTSD at a rate of 22 percent, which is the same rate at which Afghanistan and Iraq war veterans experience PTSD.”

Several bills have been introduced during this Congress to help combat that staggering rate and, at the same time, increase tribal jurisdiction in several other areas. The Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (S.2233) was introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (DNM), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, along with Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) in December. The bill would amend Section 204 of Public Law 90-284 (Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968), which now secures tribal jurisdiction over domestic violence cases, to read “Tribal jurisdiction over crimes of domestic violence, child violence, and violence against law enforcement officers”. Language in the bill states the justification for adding law enforcement officers, “…the Uniform Crime Report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows that police officers, including tribal police officers, are assaulted when responding to disturbance calls more often than under any other circumstances.”

The Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act (S.1986) was introduced by former Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) who resigned in December 2017 amid allegations of sexual harassment. Sens. Udall and Murkowski co-sponsored former Sen. Franken’s legislation. The bill would provide tribal jurisdiction over “crimes of domestic, dating, or sexual violence, sex trafficking, or stalking”.

Both bills have been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

“The Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act would address the gaps in coverage created by the Violence Against Women Act, by including crimes against law enforcement and children in the covered conduct,” said Justin Eason, EBCI tribal prosecutor. “Too often, crimes against women on the reservation include children as either victims or witnesses, or the offender will end up resisting arrest or committing other assaultive behaviors against law enforcement which would fall outside of the narrow range of Special Criminal Domestic Violence Jurisdiction. This law would allow for the Tribe to prosecute such offenses instead of relying on the Federal Government.”

He added, “Similarly, the Justice for Native American Survivors of Sexual Violence Act would provide the same authority to arrest and prosecute offenders for crimes of sexual violence or human trafficking. This means that cases of sexual assaults which were not perpetrated by intimate partners and other similar crimes would now be within the jurisdiction of the Tribe to punish.”

Speaking of the importance of the legislation, Eason noted, “Both of these bills would represent a substantial recognition of a Tribe’s inherent right to protect its people from predation. As we are already a SDVCJ (Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction) under VAWA 2013 tribe, changing our code to reflect this increased jurisdiction would be relatively straightforward.”

Tribal provisions in the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was signed into law on March 7, 2013 by then-President Obama, gave federally recognized tribes jurisdiction over non-Indians in domestic violence cases. According to the Department of Justice, most of the changes to the law took effect in Fiscal Year 2014. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians got its first conviction in a case under those new provisions on July 21, 2015.

Marsha Jackson, EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program manager, said, “We hope that the U.S. Congress will pass this law so that the EBCI can better protect its tribal members from sexual assault. Tribal officers should have the ability to charge non-Indians when they commit crimes of sexual assault within EBCI territory. The passage of this law would be a vital piece in protecting victims and would be a natural companion to the rights already granted by VAWA.”

She added, “The EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program served 161 victims in 2016 and 113 victims in 2017. While only a small percentage of these clients reach out for services for sexual assault, many have endured sexual assault at sometime within their life. Many studies have proven, getting an individual to report sexual assault is often difficult. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, ‘Only 16 percent of rapes are ever reported to the police. In a survey of victims who do not report rape or attempted rape to the police, the following was found as to why no report was made: 43 percent thought nothing could be done, 27 percent felt it was a private matter, 12 percent were afraid of the police response and 12 percent felt it was not important enough.’ Passage of this law to allow non-Indian criminals to be convicted on tribal land for sexual assault could be a window of opportunity for many more native victims to come forward.”

Along with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, many other federally recognized tribes and national organizations have given their official support to the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act including: National Network
to End Domestic Violence, National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Congress of American Indians, National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, Native American Rights Fund, United South & Eastern Tribes, All Pueblo Council of Governors, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation, Squaxin Island Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

“There are far too many desperate stories illustrating how Native American women, children, and law enforcement are caught up in acts of domestic violence while the perpetrator goes unpunished,” Sen. Udall said in a press release the day the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act was introduced. “The failure to shield these individuals from violence should outrage us all. With this bill, we can close a dark and desperate loophole in tribal criminal jurisdiction.”

Sen. Masto noted in the press release, “I have spent my career fighting to ensure that tribal leaders are empowered to keep their communities safe from domestic violence. I am proud to introduce the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act, a bill that will further that mission by restoring important protections to children and tribal law enforcement officers involved in domestic violence incidents on tribal lands.”
Renderings have been released to the One Feather for the upcoming retail area at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented on the project, “With this design, it would be a mix of retail, dining, and entertainment. Obviously, everybody in the industry is aware of the fact that retail is changing dramatically. Online shopping is causing the demise of shopping malls and big box stores across the country. There’s going to be nothing like this in the southeast. This is going to set us apart. The Gordon Group is going to pick those retailers who are going to be the best fit, but the bulk of this is going to be dining and entertainment so that we have a captive audience with the convention business. And, certainly they’ll be amenities that our own people will use as well.”

On the financial end of the project, Chief Sneed said, “We have different options as far as the funding, but that’s entirely up to Tribal Council. We’ve been given a proposal from the Gordon Group where they pay for all of it except for some infrastructure costs which we would pay. We would build the parking garage. So, they’ve given us a plan with them funding the whole thing less the parking garage; them funding 50 percent and us funding 50 percent; and, then they’ve given us an option with us funding the whole thing. The more risk we allow someone else to assume, then, obviously, the more reward they’re going to expect as far as a share of the profits.”

He added, “Either way, the Tribe gets all of tribal levy and percentage of some of the rent on the retail space, a discount built in for tribal members at all retail, dining, and entertainment.”

- One Feather staff report
HEALTH: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed testified before a Congressional Task Force on the Indian Health Service on Wednesday, April 11. During the hearing, he spoke on the need to increase funding for federally recognized tribes and admonished Congress to fulfill its trust responsibilities to tribe. “As members of the EBCI, we are fortunate to have the ability to subsidize our medical care with gaming dollars,” Chief Sneed said in a statement following the hearing. “In reality, we should not have to do so. My administration will continue to work with lawmakers in Washington to get the funding that our Tribe needs to properly care for our people.” Congressional representatives in attendance at the meeting included: Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.), Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), Kristi Noem (R-SD), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), and Markwayne Mullin (D-Okla.).
CIPD Arrest Report for April 1-16

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

Bernhisel, Chad Lopez – age 30
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

McCoy, Rickeenna Dawn – age 28
Arrested: April 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Hold for Drug Court, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Wahnetah, Carla Maria Ann – age 30
Arrested: April 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Welch, Jeremy William – age 27
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 10
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Cline, Damion Dae – age 22
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Simple Possession Marijuana, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Davis, Karli Janie – age 18
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Underage Drinking

George, John Cameron – age 35
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor Child Abuse

Messerly, Lauren Shade – age 18
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Simple Possession Marijuana, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Welch, Emerson Sequoyah – age 40
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 3
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Reed, John Alex – age 37
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 6
Charges: Filing False Emergency Report

Watty, Quentin Jackson – age 30
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 12
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Trafficking; Simple Possession of Marijuana; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with Intent Manufacturing, Selling, or Delivering Schedule II Controlled Substance

Everhart II, Scott Everhart – age 22
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 7
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon (DV)

Thompson, Dylan Joseph – age 22
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 4
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 23
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 5
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Bigmeat, Natasha Regina – age 26
Arrested: April 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

French, Edmond Hawk – age 24
Arrested: April 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Murphy, Reena Lashanda – age 26
Arrested: April 5
Released: April 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Brandon Craig – age 33
Arrested: April 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault Inflict Serious Injury, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Childers, Lucinda Faye – age 35
Arrested: April 6
Released: April 6
Charges: False Information to an Officer

Mesteth, Dustin Charles Demcie – age 30
Arrested: April 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault on a Female (DV)

Pheasant, Cory Mikol – age 31
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 9
Charges: False Information to an Officer

Youngdeer, Samantha Dion – age 27
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 8
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

Smith, James David – age 28
Arrested: April 8
Released: April 8
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

Armachain, Keith Little Wolfe – age 25
Arrested: April 9
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Charges: Driving While Impaired

Climbingbear, Henderson – age 69
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Keep up with events daily at theonefeather.com.
UNC Asheville presented its annual student and faculty leadership awards at a special ceremony on campus on Tuesday, April 10. Brantly Junaluska, an EBCI tribal member, was awarded the Carolyn Briggs Diversity Award for her service as president of the Native American Student Association and work to engage the campus community in a variety of activities to educate and foster awareness of indigenous issues.

“You learn a lot of things in college besides the subject matter of your courses,” said Interim Chancellor Joe Urgo at the awards ceremony. Those lessons include “developing an attitude towards the problems and challenges that we face as a society—that attitude is that if you see something that needs to be done, you’ll step up and do that. We celebrate leaders who do that on campus this year, but all of us in this room can be inspired by the example that they set, because there will be a time when all of us will be asked to step up to do something.”

The university’s two most prestigious student service awards went to graduating seniors Tim Hussey and Olivia Godfrey.

Faculty members Jessica Pisano and Keya Maitra also were honored, as were many other students and staff members.

Olivia Godfrey received the William and Ida Friday Award honoring outstanding service to the community. During her college career, Godfrey has served as a student intern for the Land of Sky Regional Council, Area Agency on Aging; as a service-learning student for UNC Asheville Health and Wellness Promotion/Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement (ABIPA); as a service-learning student in the UNC Asheville Healthy Aging Program Initiative (HAPI) Lab; and in the HAPI Lab’s Wellness Activities for Seniors in Asheville program. Godfrey is also a member of the American Association of University Women, an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, and certified in First Aid for Professional Rescuers. She has worked as a BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) peer educator with the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, and served as a student member of the UNC Asheville Undergraduate Research Program Advisory Council.

Tim Hussey received the A.C. Reynolds Award and Thomas D. Reynolds Prize for his service to the campus. Hussey serves as the president of the Student Government Association, where he tirelessly advocates for students. He is also the programming supervisor for student organizations on campus, a supervisor at the Student Call Center, a member of the Black Student Association, a resident assistant, and a peer mentor for the Connections Peer Mentoring Program. He has participated in national associations including as an Association of College Unions International I-LEAD Program Fellow, and in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Undergraduate Fellow Program. He has also served on a number of university committees, including the transportation committee, the tuition and fees committee, the diversity action committee, and the honorary degree committee.

Jessica Pisano, lecturer in English and associate writing program director, was given the Community Connector Award for strengthening bonds between campus and community.

Keya Maitra, chair and professor of philosophy, received the Champion for Students Award.

The following students and staff also were honored:

Daniel Suber received the Newman Civic Fellows Award for his work as a leader in the Word on the Street program, which produces an online teen magazine for arts, culture and expression. With the Center for Diversity Education, Suber works to build pathways for youth of color to environmental careers, and is currently develop-
ing a Multicultural College and Business Conference for students to address the racial achievement gap.

Kayla Taylor received the Adelaide Daniels Key Center Community-Engaged Learning Award for her work as a senator in the Student Government Association and as director of community engagement for the Student Organization Council, and as a resident assistant for the social justice-focused learning living community on campus. She is also a fellow of the Ignite NC program, and a tutor in the AVID program.

The student employee of the year was Liz Torres, who has worked at Highsmith Student Union for the past four years in a variety of roles.

Kenda Mullert, health promotion coordinator in Student Health and Counseling, was awarded Student Employee Supervisor of the Year for work in supervising the PEPAH (Peers Educating Peers Advancing Health) intern program. Student Organization of the Year was awarded to the College Republicans, for their engagement with campus through respectful discourse and enthusiasm. The group completed a charity fundraiser for a community member in need, and has organized numerous campus events and lectures.

Collaboration of the Year was awarded to student Maggie Clerkin, who worked with multiple entities across campus, including the Student Government Association, the Student Environmental Center, Residential Education, and the AVID tutoring program.

Shelby Ingram and Austin Dowdy received the Program of the Year award for the Student Experience Panel Series. This monthly student panel consists of students from different populations across UNC Asheville’s campus, who shared with their peers faculty and staff what their experience on campus has been like as a part of their specific population and ways that the campus community can better serve them.

Elina Morrison received the Emerging Leader of the Year award. Morrison is an active member of six student organizations, has participated in several service-learning opportunities including the Alternative Service Trip to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, and volunteers with the Energy Savers Network.

Meredith McLain received the Student Leader of the Year award. McLain has served as the Student Organization programming supervisor, president of She’s the First, chief of staff of the Student Government Association, a University Ambassador, a peer mentor for a freshman colloquium class, treasurer for the Political Science Club, and as a political science research intern.

Soni Pitts was given the Non-Traditional Student Leader of the Year award. Pitts serves as project manager for the new Food Equity Initiative, a new campus initiative to promote nutrition and food justice, and has been a program associate for the Key Center for Community-Engaged Learning for over a year.

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**Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Services and Rental Program**

**What is Housing Services and What Do We DO?**

EBCI Housing Services is a program of the Housing and Community Development Division. All funds are applicable only to construction/purchases/renovations on trust property. Our services to enrolled members of the Eastern Band include:

- **Assisting in obtaining mortgage loans through external lenders.** Lenders are First Tribal Lending and the local First Citizens Bank. Should a borrower have minor blemishes on their credit report and demonstrate effort to rectify these issues, he/she may be considered for the Portfolio Loan, provided eligibility requirements are met. Applicant must have been declined by two lending institutions.

- **Renovation Loans** - Applicants meeting financial and possessory holding requirements are eligible for renovation loans for home upgrades and repairs. Loan limit is $30,000 and is secured via a lien on the property.

- **Down Payment Assistance (DPA)** - HCD assists borrowers with down payment assistance funds. To be eligible for these funds, borrowers must have obtained a mortgage loan through an outside lending institution. Down payment assistance is calculated as 20% of the sales contract price up to $30,000, payable after the original mortgage is satisfied.

- **Rate Buy Down** - Gift funds to assist borrowers buy “points” to lower their interest rate. These funds are available to those who are financing their mortgage loan through an outside lending institution on trust property.

**Rental Properties**

HCD offers over 105 rental units located throughout the Boundary in Jackson, Swain, Graham and Cherokee Counties. Apartments and homes are market-based rental units ranging from 1-bedroom apartments to 3-bedroom apartments and homes. Applicants must have a satisfactory background, positive rental history and meet program requirements.

**We have rental units available. Newly rehabbed and updated. Please call for more information.**
Cherokee Days held at NMAI

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DANCING: Micah Swimmer, a member of the Warriors of Anikituhwa, dances during the annual Cherokee Days event which was held on the weekend of April 12-15 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. The event brought together the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes for a weekend of sharing culture, language, and lifeways.

LEADER: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed speaks during one of the opening sessions.

ARTIST: Christy Long, an EBCI tribal member, displays her artwork.

AMBASSADOR: Little Miss Cherokee Araceli Martinez-Arch greets visitors.
BIRD'S EYE: An overhead shot shows Cherokee social dances being performed during the event.

Honoring Our Cherokee Speakers Walk

April 26th
10:00 am

Meeting in front of New Kituwah Academy
@ 9:30 am

Lunch provided to participants following walk
T-shirts for participants - First come, First serve

In Honor of
Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe and Beloved Woman Shirley Oswalt

Kituwah Preservation & Education Program
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Do you need help with...
end of life planning;
family safety parent representation;
a domestic violence-related civil law case;
or community education, self-help resources,
and brief legal advice?

**EBCI Legal Assistance Office**

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
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828-359-7400
legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

EBCI Legal Assistance also handles child custody representations under certain conditions. Please call to determine if you qualify and if the program can represent you.
Surgical Weight loss is more than just losing weight; it’s getting those little moments in life back. When diet and exercise aren’t enough, our specialists can help you determine the best path to success. Attend our seminar and find out if Surgical Weight Loss is right for you.

Surgical Weight Loss Seminar
Thursday, April 19
5:30 p.m.

Cherokee Indian Hospital
1 Hospital Rd, Cherokee

Call 828.315.3391 to Register

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Grow a Row looking for participants

Grow a Row, a giving and learning garden project sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief and Legend Weaver Studios, is looking for individuals, youth groups, churches, community clubs, etc. to plant, harvest, and donate the bounty of a garden to those in need. Groups will work with their peers to make a difference in their community while learning gardening basics and the importance of community service. Groups are welcome to participate at any stage in the Grow a Row project from garden planning and planting to harvesting and donating to local participating agencies.

To commit to the project, email legendweaverstudios@gmail.com or check out the group’s Facebook page. Participating groups or individuals will sign a Group Commitment or Agreement outlining involvement and time commitment.

Info: Cherokee Grow a Row Facebook page or Spring Garden Fair Facebook page

- Cherokee Grow a Row

EBCI alcohol referendum information

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will hold a referendum on Thursday, May 31. The question asked will be: “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on Tribal trust land at a Tribal-own package store and ABC store.” Voter registration will close on Tuesday, May 1. You may begin to request your absentee ballot immediately. Absentee requests will be accepted through Wednesday, May 16. Absentee ballots must be received by the EBCI Board of Elections no later than Monday, May 21 at 4pm. Info: Board of Elections 359-6361

- EBCI Board of Elections

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/Business related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under “Qualla Reservation”. For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College now accepting applications

BANNER ELK — The New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College will kick off its 14th year during the summer session June 10–30. Registration for the session is now open.

The program’s mission is to improve the educational, financial and personal circumstances of low-income women who live in or hail from the Southern Appalachian region.

The three-week residential session includes instruction in creative writing, public speaking, interview ing and Appalachian literature. Experienced volunteer instructors also teach basic accounting, computer and resume writing skills and how to navigate the college application process. Internships in the local community provide the opportunity to explore career paths. Women participating in the program attend cultural events, such as concerts, theatre productions, and a series of lectures related to local Appalachian culture.

There is no cost to the students attending this program. Assistance with childcare costs and travel costs are available. Applicants should have or be working toward a GED or high school diploma, be of low-income and have an interest in a new career and/or higher education.

Founded in 1987 in Berea, Ky., the New Opportunity School for Women opened an expansion site at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk in 2005. The program at Lees-McRae has now graduated more than 130 women.

Info: NOSW Director, Jennie Harpoldj@lmc.edu.

- Lees-McRae College

Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2018-19 program. This program is for enrolled tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CN), and the United Kituwah Band (UKB). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture, and to develop leadership competencies. Participants will
meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

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

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, June 22 by 5pm, to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership Specialist at 828-359-5542 or taramcc@nc-cherokee.com.

- Right Path Adult Leadership Program

Cherokee turkey hunting season

Cherokee’s spring turkey hunting season is open April 14 - May 19. You are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the EBCI Natural Resources program. This information is important to help the department maintain a healthy turkey population on Cherokee lands. Call 359-6109 after a turkey is harvested with some or all of the following information: location and date of kill, number of days hunted to kill the bird, turkey’s approximate age (adult or juvenile), turkey’s spur length, and turkey’s beard length.

- EBCI Natural Resources program

Jenkins Ridge prescribed burn planned

A prescribed burn of 100 acres will take place on the Tribal Reserve, located at the upper portion of Jenkins Ridge, on April 24-26. This burn project will reduce the amount of dead and down material to benefit forest health and also improve the availability of forage and browse for wildlife in the area.

The burn will be ignited by qualified fire personnel from the BIA Cherokee Agency. Signs will be posted near the area throughout the duration of the burn. Smoke will be visible during the burn and for a while once the burn is completed. BIA Agency Fire personnel will extinguish all visible smokes and hot areas afterwards. Info: BIA Forestry office 497-3467

- BIA Forestry, Cherokee Agency

Cherokee Rec. youth volleyball schedules

Team Rosters:

Team 1: Coach Terri Hogner, Jamy Lyn Teesateskie, Chloe Cooper, Lolo Hogner, Kaitlyn Tahquette, Julissa Staton, Whitney Rogers, Lilah Reynolds, Evie Nations

Team 2: Coach Citrus Bigwitch, Sateva Youngdeer, Cecil Swimmer, Lillian Ramos, Selu Swayney, Alexis Motola, Taliyah Sequoyah, Kaileena Littlejohn

Team 3: Coaches Miranda Smith and Brionna Jumper, Shelby Solis, Sophie Cooper, Sami Blythe, Mica Tiger-Harlan, Kyla Moore, Audrina Cooper, Taelyn Hunt, Jade Palomo

Team 4: Coaches Lauren Crowe and Taylin Bowman, Creedon Arch, Awee Walkingstick, Madison Ledford, Eve Stamper, Aaliyah Reed, Anasette Cooper, Jaidyn Hagnie, Jocelyn Stamper

Practice Schedule

Thursday, April 12
6-7pm: Team 1 & Team 3
7-8pm: Team 2 & Team 4

Monday, April 16
6-7pm: Team 2 & Team 4
7-8pm: Team 1 & Team 3

Tuesday, April 17
6-7pm: Team 2 & Team 4
7-8pm: Team 1 & Team 3

Game Schedule

Thursday, April 19 (first game), play to 25, best out of three games
6pm Court 1: Team 1 vs Team 4
6pm Court 2: Team 2 vs Team 3

Thursday, April 24, play to 25, best out of three games
6pm Court 1: Team 3 vs Team 1
6pm Court 2: Team 1 vs Team 2
6pm Court 2: Team 2 vs Team 1

Thursday, May 3, play to 25, best out of three games
6pm Court 1: Team 1 vs Team 3
6pm Court 2: Team 2 vs Team 4

Thursday, May 10, play to 25, best out of three games
6pm Court 1: Team 2 vs Team 3
6pm Court 2: Team 4 vs Team 1

Thursday, May 17 (last game), play to 25, best out of three games
6pm Court 1: Team 3 vs Team 4
6pm Court 2: Team 1 vs Team 2
7pm Court 1: Team 3 vs Team 1
7pm Court 2: Team 2 vs Team 4

- Cherokee Recreation
CELEBRATE: Students at The New Kituwah Academy – Early Childhood program started celebrating the Week of the Young Child (April 16-20) on Monday, April 16 with new t-shirts. Kelly Murphy, New Kituwah Academy family partnership/lead teacher, noted, “We would like to say sgi to the Cherokee Children’s Coalition for the t-shirts!” Shown (left-right) standing - Tsoni Hill, Yona Galaheg Bottchenbaugh, Tsedani Wolfe, Tsisqua Welch, Gadoyae Long, Tselsi Murphy; middle row - Tawodi Winchester, Tsoiyani Arch, Tsulkula Littlejohn, Equeleni George, Amaya Rodriguez, Losi Sleie, Meli Tafoya, Tsosi Saylor, Walela Hernandez, Nuna West, Tsali Bigwitch, Koa Grant, Ani Reed, Taya Jackson, Katsi Tiger; front row - Tuya Slee, Amaya Welch, Taya Reed, Gvnahid Ramirez, Anatli Pheasant, Atsila Dawkins, Walela Williams, Kiyuga Beck, Yona-Uweluga Swimmer, Ani Stamper, Atsilvsgi Pheasant, Galvlo Welch, and Tsukanesdala Murphy.

WCU ALUMNI PROFILE

Brandy Davis graduated from Western in 2010 with a Bachelor’s in Clinical Laboratory Studies. She is from Cherokee, NC and is an enrolled Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal member. Her first job after graduation was at Carolina Internal Medicine in Asheville. She is now a compliance officer at Public Health and Human Services. She is also currently enrolled in the Masters of Healthcare Administration program at A.T. Still University. She has 1 child, Sidney Crowe, with her husband Chester Crowe. When asked about sharing a memory from her time here at WCU she replied; “Being the oldest married kid in class.”
OBITUARIES

Marenna Lynn Jumper
Marenna Lynn Jumper, 47, of the Little Snowbird Community of Graham County, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at her home with her children and loving family by her side.

She was born Sept. 17, 1970 in Swain County to the late Joseph N. Jumper and Louisa Wachacha Grindstaff.

She is survived by one daughter, Dara Wolfe; two sons, William Wolfe (wife Kayla) and Joseph Jumper; six grandchildren, Mahleigha, Zedaki, Eli, Jayden, Ethan, and Ty; one brother, D.J. Grindstaff (wife Lacy); four sisters, Sandra Teensateskie (husband Ronnie), Maureen Jackson (husband Clarence Jackson Jr.), Mary Fortenberry, Terry Grindstaff and companion Buddy Hornbuckle, all of Robbinsville; step siblings, Rhonda Garrett, Debbie Bird, Telaka Holbrook, Greg Grindstaff, Jeff Grindstaff, and Ryan Grindstaff; best friends, Londa Chekelelee and Judy Bird; and special nieces, Haley Grindstaff, Sasha Jumper, and Rocanne Sneed.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 11 at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville.

Linda (Luc) Smith Raby
Linda (Luc) Smith Raby, 69, of Cherokee, passed away on Monday April 9, 2018 at Mission Hospital in Asheville following a brief illness.

Linda was the best cook around according to her kids and grandkids. She loved her grandchildren with all her heart and soul and would do anything for them. She loved her sisters and her church family very much. She is now with her love of her life, JD, forever and always.

Linda is survived by her children, James Austin Raby (wife Paislee) and Michelle Lynn Raby (husband Shane Davis); 14 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sisters, Joan Henry, Becky Bridges, Nancy Smith, and Connie Cabe; special friend, Joletta Crowe; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, JD Raby; her parents, Charles Smith and Elma Arch Smith; one brother, Delbert Smith; and sisters, Osceola Smith, Jo Lou Bradley, and Fancheon Elders.

Hedson Biddix
Hedson Biddix, 59, of Asheville, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia White Biddix; four brothers, Garrett Biddix, John William Biddix, Fred Biddix, Harold Ray Biddix Jr.; one sister, Polly Reed; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Hedson was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Leroy Biddix and Nancy Wildcat Biddix; one brother, Michael Lewis Biddix; and one sister, Nora Biddix.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 14 at the Echota Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Buster Biddix, Jeffery Lineberry, T.K. Soap, Jonathan Biddix, Taylor Biddix, and Native Walkingstick.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Biddix family.

Steve Moon
Steve Moon, 67, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, April 7, 2018. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Mell Merritt and Roberta Maney Moon.

Steve was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He was a former member of the school board, Swain County commissioner and an avid sports fan. He was a diehard Dodger fan.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Moon; two children, Misty Johnson and husband Hrair of Cherokee, and Justin of Bryson City; two granddaughters, Kaylee Smith and Mika Johnson; brothers and sisters, Don Moon and wife Sheila of Texas, Pam Cunningham and husband of Toccoa. Ga., Randy Moon and wife Maria of Graham County, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Yellow Hill Baptist Church. Pastor Freeman Bradley officiated. Burial followed at the Bethel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tony Cabe, Tommy Cabe, Terrence Cabe, Bob Bradley, Dean Bradley, and Jacob George.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Raby family.

Virgil Walkingstick
Virgil Walkingstick, 86, of Cherokee, passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 after a brief illness.

He was a lifelong resident of Swain County.

He is survived by his parents, Bascomb and Alice Walkingstick; brothers, Russell, Thurman, and William Walkingstick; and one sister, Gracia Walkingstick.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Bascomb and Alice Walkingstick; brothers, Russell, Thurman, and William Walkingstick; and one sister, Gracia Walkingstick.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 13 at Long House Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family members.
Cherokee Elementary School (3rd – 5th grades) Honor Rolls – 3rd Nine Weeks

3rd Grade
A Honor Roll: Kailyn Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Livia Crowe, Mariah Taylor, Meli Winstead, Nyla Queen
Merit Honor Roll: Kailyn Hornbuckle, Carter Bird, Da-see Fourkiller-Raby, Jade Palomo, Kaden Wolfe, Marley Crowe

4th Grade
Principal's Honor Roll: Chloe Owle, Izabella Terrell, Javan Garcia, Kellen Ensley, Olivia Arch, Owen Bird, Suri Watty, Timber Sampson
A Honor Roll: Jocelyn Saunooke
Merit Honor Roll: Ayianna Locust, Blake Wolfe, Cyrus James, Gabriella Smith, Joshua Hornbuckle, Tevin Ross, Tsali-Dv-di-s-di, Zachary Seay

5th Grade
Principal's Honor Roll: Abreana Hornbuckle, Amila Lossie, Dacia Warrington, Haylie Woodard, Jessie Hernandez, Tyruss Thompson
A Honor Roll: Aaliyah Reed, Chanttin Tramper, Corbin Free-

man, Elaina West, Joselyn Long, Kiri Hill, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Samuel Welch
B Honor Roll: Alexis Davis, Alyssa Freeman, Amiya Lequire, Ayost Lossie, Brandon Santiago, Cameron Squirrell, Cassius Murphy, Cecily Swimmer, Chayton Medford, Elliot Shell, Emma Quijada, Falon Welch, Gideon Freeman, Jada Cruz, Josiah Sherrill, Josiah Sneed, Josiah Teateskesie, Kai Saunooke, Kedrick Panther, Malachi Driver, Matthew Garcia-Wahneta, Natalie Bradley, Native Walkingstick, Nevayah Panther, Savian Davis, Sean Henderson, Shawnee Bushyhead, Thomas Parsons, Tricyus Calhoun, Xain Maney, Xavier Sanchez, Vincent Owle


New Kituwah Academy Honor Rolls,
Perfect Attendance – 3rd Nine Weeks

Perfect Attendance: Aria Tsisdetsi Toineeta – 1st; Raul Waya Hernandez – 2nd; Mack Ganvnnv Tsofay – 3rd; Ajalah Kiyuga Locust – 3rd; Moke Agasga Tsofay – 4th
A Honor Roll: Mack Ganvnnv Tsofay – 3rd; Naomi Watheyel Taylor – 5th
A/B Honor Roll: Kaden Kanilya Stephens – 3rd; Madison Yona Rogers – 3rd; Moke Agasga Tsofay – 4th; Alexis Wataga Motola – 4th; Samuel Koga Hernandez – 4th; Riley Ani Lambert – 4th; Zakya Lolo Hogner – 4th; Kyla Amayi Moore – 5th; Marilyn Selu Swayney – 5th; Tasia Ageya Neadeau – 5th; Waushila Iya Grant – 5th; Hailee Tso Li Lossiah – 5th; Addyson Atsila Welch – 5th; Anasette Agasga Cooper – 5th; Cameron Tsuwayyugi Jackson – 5th

Opioids kill the PAINS and the JOYS.
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It is easy to take the place you live for granted. I have lived in the mountains of western North Carolina most of my life. As a good friend and former coworker used to say, I have fished these streams and walked these trails all my life. When I was a young man, it was my greatest desire to leave the mountains and live in the big city, where there was excitement and “things to do”. I was not alone in my thinking, and even today, when locals get a break, say “Spring Break”, they head for the beaches.

Yes, the mountains are beautiful, but for some and like many things, when we get so familiar with them, they lose their luster and we long for something different. For example, I like broccoli. Give me broccoli for a single meal and I am a more than happy camper. But, if you serve me broccoli for every meal of the day for a month, I am going to be sick of broccoli and will be looking for something else to satisfy my appetite. We see the mountains every day of our lives and ride away from them when the opportunity arises. Folks in the city and at the beaches gravitate toward the mountains for similar reasons.

It is a good thing that people do seek something different from time to time. The Tribe has sustained itself with those looking for a change of pace and scenery for many decades now. When logging died out as a viable support income for the Cherokee people in North Carolina (aside from federal assistance), we turned to family tourism as our source of income for several decades. And today, we still court the families looking for a cultural, outdoor adventure, even though our adult gaming tourists have been more prolific.

A growing elk population has helped to revitalize an aging family tourism product in Cherokee.
When the U.S. Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation collaborated to bring elk back to the North Carolina mountains, an unexpected consequence was that the roaming of elk would include regular visits from the herds to the Qualla Boundary, particularly areas near heavily-traveled roadways.

The sight of these majestic animals in what was once their native home is without a doubt one of the larger family attractions for Cherokee in some time. Folks will stop their cars in the middle of the road to take in the usually very docile and lumbering giants. Some take the more dangerous and extreme measure of getting out of their vehicles and approaching the elk to get a selfie. A bull elk can tip the scales at a whopping 730 lbs. The females usually weigh just over 500 lbs. Like any animal in the wild, an elk runs when it gets scared and, because of its size, it doesn’t necessarily have a plan for a direction to run. So, if you or your vehicle happens to be in its path, you are going to have a lot of explaining to do with your insurance adjuster.

From a distance, the elk are some of the most fascinating animals in the world to watch, as well as some of the most beautiful. Many of you have posted pictures and video of the elk on the Boundary that are breathtaking. Of course, the elk are a mixed blessing because they tend to eat food where they find it, and sometimes that is in our tribal farmers’ gardens. The Tribe continues to find ways to balance our desire to see these great creatures, control their access to private properties, and protect the public.

The Oconaluftee River is our most attractive natural asset on the Boundary. It is our primary community water source, supplying hundreds of homes and businesses with water for many years. It has been the water source of the Cherokee people in this area since recorded time. The historic significance of our river and its feeding creeks and streams is beyond definition. Ancient Cherokee ancestors drank, cooked, and cleaned from the waters of the Oconaluftee. There is a mystical element to our water, many using it to spiritually purify themselves. This river, among others in WNC, saw Cherokee people of old build fishing weirs across the expanse of them. These weirs were manned with large contingents of community members; building the weir and then herding the fish into it, and the entire community would share in the catch to feed their families.

Today, one of the reasons families travel to Cherokee is to fish in the Oconaluftee. Our Tribal Fish and Wildlife program stocks generous amounts of hatchery-raised trout along the river. Thousands of fisher men, women, and children come to Cherokee each year to catch their limit. Families also enjoy splashing and playing in the river at the Oconaluftee Island Park, and each year during the first weekend in August, kids and parents alike from all over the country come to enjoy the Talking Trees Children’s Trout Derby. Tubing companies will offer you a lazy, self-guided tour of the Oconaluftee River via innertube for a small fee. Being the North Carolina gateway community for both the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway gives us the great advantage on the Boundary of being a great base-camp for some of the most spectacular hiking experiences in the world. In addition to great walking experiences, the trail bicycler will find a friendly place to ride in Cherokee. The newly-created Fire Mountain trail system was completed last year and is already the talk of the hiking and biking community. With a total of over 10 miles of hiking, biking, and running adventure, it is bound to become another outdoor/nature lover favorite place to be. Whether you enjoy exploring deep forest along the streams that flow through the Boundary or you are looking for a mountain top experience, you can find it in our neck of the woods on the Qualla Boundary. Whether you are a local or someone who might be a thousand miles away thinking about a trip to the Qualla Boundary, Cherokee’s natural attractions are worth taking the time to enjoy. Everyone longs for a sense of place in their lives. It is good to remind ourselves of what a wonderous place our little Boundary is.
Cultural Events
Cherokee Stamped Pottery Workshop. April 20-21 from 9am - 4pm at Art Studio of the Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Tammy Beane, of Collinsville, Ala., will teach how to make traditional Cherokee stamped pottery. The cost for the two-day workshop is $25 for EBCI tribal members. The workshop will cover the history of stamped pottery, and participants will learn to make large bowls that are hand-coiled and stamped. For information and to register: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481, ext. 1000, or you can sign up in person at the Museum store.

Cherokee Heritage Day. April 21 from 10am - 4pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Blowgun (weather depending), woodpecker shell carving, feather capes to view, kid’s games. GIS story map of historical events from 1700-1840.

Free Syllabary Class. Every Thursday through April 26 from 7-8pm at Cherokee Choices conference room. Limited slots available. This is for EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. This is not a Cherokee language class.

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: https://facebook.com/3200-Acre-Community-Center-1589774257745245/

General Events
Kindergarten Information Night. April 19 from 5 – 6:30pm at Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start multi-purpose room. There will be booths with Kindergarten teachers from Cherokee, Smokey Mountain, and Swain East Elementary schools. Applications and school information will be available. Refreshments will be served.

Foster Care Recruitment Community Meeting. April 19 at 5:30pm at Family Safety office. Do you have questions about foster care? Questions will be answered and information distributed. Light snacks will be provided. Info: Sasha Sampson or Nicolas Squirrel at Family Safety 359-1520

Birds of Prey Program. April 20 at 11am at Oconaluftee Multipurpose Room near the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Michael Skinner, Balsam Mountain Trust, executive director, will conduct the hour-long program.
which will provide visitors an up-close glimpse of some of the planet’s most recognized and revered wild animals such as the tiny eastern screech owl and northern bald eagle. This program is free of charge. Info: Oconaluftee Visitor Center 497-1904

Third Annual Spring Garden Fair. April 20-21 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Friday from 12-6pm and Saturday from 9am – 2pm. Plants, seeds, yard art, tools, education. Sponsored by Office of the Principal Chief. The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Auxiliary will host the Good Thyme Café. This event is free and open to the public. Info: legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

Cleaning Up the Mountains. April 21 from 9am – 12pm. This is a community litter sweep in conjunction with Jackson County Public Works. Materials, bags, safety vests, gloves, instructions, and road and community choices will be given on April 14 at 1pm at the Jackson County Public Library Community Room. Volunteers and groups are needed to cover all secondary roads on April 21. Rain date – April 28 from 9am – 12pm. Info: Mike and Norma Clayton 506-9241

Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. April 24 at 5pm in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Dr. David Cozzo will present “The Hidden Harvest: Wild Foods in and Around the Garden”. He will discuss edible plants that grow in or near the garden as well as those that can be transplanted to other areas in the yard. Dr. Cozzo, an ethnobotanist specializing in the relationship of the Cherokee to their botanical world, is an area specialized agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension based at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center. He is also the project director for the Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR). Info: Robin Swayney 554-0477

Swain County Schools Native American Parent meeting. April 24 from 5 – 7pm at East Elementary.

K-9 Public Demonstration. April 24 at 6pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. A public demonstration featuring working K-9 teams will be presented. The event is being co-sponsored by the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Department, the Cherokee Fire Department, and the American Police Canine Association.

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct meeting. April 24 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn. Guest speaker will be Bobby Kuppers, Democratic candidate for N.C. State Senate. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Smokey Mountain Elementary Kindergarten registration. April 26 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the school. Info: 497-5535

Kananesgi Pottery Festival. April 28 from 10am – 4pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Storytelling, vendors selling pottery, and presenters on Cherokee pottery. NAIWA will prepare food for sale. Admission is free.

2nd Annual Joey Parker Memorial Ride. April 28. This ride, for SxSs, ATVs, UTVs, and dirt bikes, will be held through the backcountry trails of the Qualla Boundary in memory of Joey Parker. Info: www.joeyparkermemorial.com


Cherokee Youth Center Fall Open Enrollment for Kindergarten. May 2 at 7:30am. The Center will take the first 25 kids to sign up. Children must be at least 5 years old and enrolled in Kindergarten. Info: Cherokee Youth Center 497-3119

Foster Care Classes begin. May 3 at 6pm. Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting classes. Info: Sasha Sampson or Nicolas Squirrel at Family Safety Program 359-1520

CES Kindergarten Registration Night. May 8 from 4 – 6 pm in the Cherokee Elementary School Lobby. Students must be 5 years of age by Aug. 31, 2018 to be eligible to enroll. Parents should provide the following: child’s birth certificate, current physical/health assessment is required, a copy of enrollment card, and non-EBCI enrolled students must provide social security cards and/or custody papers. All documents along with a completed enrollment application, will be accepted starting at 4:30pm on May 8 after a brief Meet the Teachers orientation during Kindergarten Registration Night. Request for teachers will be taken in a date and time stamped order in which completed packets are turned in. Completed packets must include all listed items above. Info: CES office 554-5020. Ahli-sha Stephens 554-5021, or Tina Cooper 554-5024.

Spring Sobriety Campout. May 10-13 at Yogi in the Smokies Campground on Big Cove Road in Cherokee. AA, NA, Al-anon speakers; Talking Circles; marathon meeting; sobriety Pow Wow; fun and fellowship. Pre-registration $40 per person (children under 12 are free). $45 at the gate. Info: Herb 506-8563, firesidecircle@yahoo.com

Cherokee Customer Celebration. May 19 from 10am – 8pm and May 20 from 10am – 2pm at Cherokee Welcome Center. Local traditional artisans, food vendors, traditional dances, storytelling, prizes, games, and music. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or 6491

Remember the Removal Riders send-off ceremony. June 1 at 5pm at Kituwah Mound. Food catered by Granny’s Kitchen.

Swain Arts Center Summer Arts Camp. June 18-21. Activities will include Cherokee storytelling, arts and crafts instruction from Cherokee artisans, and field trips to significant historical and cultural sites in Swain County. Spaces available for 25 students who have completed grades 3-5. The camp is funded in part by a grant from RTCAR (Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources) and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Registration will be open until May 19 or until the spaces are filled. There is a $25 fee for the
myFutureNC LISTENING SESSION. July 12 from 2 – 5pm at Cherokee Central Schools. myFutureNC, a statewide education commission focusing on educational attainment for all North Carolinians, is holding a series of listening sessions to hear from communities about what they perceive as their region’s economic strengths and identify the education opportunities that are most needed to capitalize on those strengths. This session will focus on Native perspective and will include Dr. Beverly Payne and Yona Wade from the Qualla Education Collaborative. Info and RSVP at: https://www.myfuturenc.org/listening-sessions/

Health and Sports Events

Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm. All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both certified instructors, will be assisting.

Healthy Spring Fair. April 19 from 8:30am – 2:30pm at Cherokee High School. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784, yolasaun@nc-cherokee.com

Cherokee Alzheimer’s Support Group meeting. May 1 at 5:30pm at Tsali Manor. Develop a support system. Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions. Share feelings, needs, and concerns. Learn about community resources. Completely confidential. Info: 359-6860

Bike Rodeo. May 5 from 10am – 12pm at Beloved Women’s and Children’s Building. This is for ages 5-14. Helmets will be provided. Bike raffles. Info: Tsalagi Public Health 359-6240

Mother’s Day 5K Trail Walk/Run. May 12 at Kituwah Mound. Registration from 7:30 – 8:30am. Walk/Run begins at 9am. Registration fee is $15 for adults before April 29 and $20 afterwards. Registration is $5 for kids 12 and under and elders 59+. Registration fee ensures shirt and medal. Proceeds will go towards Cherokee Children’s Home. Online registration – runsignup.com. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784

Cherokee Rally for Recovery. July 26 from 3 – 7pm at Cherokee Central Schools. The tentative theme is “Healing through Healthy Communities”. There will be speakers, games, educational information, food, and music to honor those in recovery and help those working on recovery. Info: Billie Jo Rich or Lara Conner 497-6892

Upcoming Pow Wows for April 20-22

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.

41st Annual Texas Gulf Coast

Utah Valley University Pow Wow. April 20-21 at Rebecca Lockhart Arena in Orem, Utah. Info: Johnny Keams NWA.UVU@gmail.com


First Nations University of Canada Pow Wow. April 21-22 at Brandt Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Info: First Nations University of Canada Pow Wow Facebook page

Washington University’s 28th Annual Pow Wow. April 21 at Washington University Field House in St. Louis, Mo. Info: (314) 935-4677, www.buder.wsustl.edu, bcais@wustl.edu


**Community Club Meetings**

**Big Y Community Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is $75 and $25 will be returned after cleaning.

**Big Cove Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

**Birdtown Community Club** meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

**Paint Town Community Club** meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

**Snowbird Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

**Wolftown Community Club**
meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Woltown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it’s a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room

Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18

NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.

**Mondays**
Safety WRAP: 9 -10am
Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

**Tuesdays**
Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am
Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

**Wednesdays**
Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women’s Group: 11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

**Thursdays**
**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene’ Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men’s Group: 3-4pm

**Fridays**
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrysl Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty’s Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A potluck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty’s Place is also open Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

CHEROKEE VETERANS:
We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to help you tell your stories through a column we call the “Veterans Corners”. If you or your family members would like to help you tell the Cherokee community what it was like for you while serving your community and nation, or what it has been like being a veteran, we would like to give you a forum to share your memories with the readers of the Cherokee One Feather. You don’t have to be a writer. If you prefer to set up an appointment with our staff to share your moments, we will document, write, and publish your thoughts. You may send written stories to robehump@nc-cherokee.com and/or call 828-339-6462 to schedule a time for us to interview you. You may also stop by the One Feather offices at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building in Cherokee.

Thank you for your service and love for your community.
FOR RENT
2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/ background check required. $450/month, $450/deposit. 488-8752.
UFN

FOR RENT
PORTABLE Dishwasher, works great. $150. Tan colored kitchen table with benches, with backs, $150. (919) 482-9391. 4/19

FOR SALE
LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah’s casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 5/24pd

FOR SALE – Waterfront or view improved building sites, by owner, state road, gated, sites cut, well, electric, three bedroom, septic in dock, southern exposure, private. (828) 788-6879. 4/19pd

BUSINESS FOR SALE - 6+ acres of Prime Commercial Property on the Cherokee and Blue Ridge Parkway Line. Multi use. Former Gas Station, Motel, Campground, Fish Ponds. Minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway, Maggie Valley & Cherokee. 352-267-6469 or 407-467-3276. 4/19pd

SERVICES
Oocumma’s Law Mowing Services. Attention all businesses and homeowners – are you looking for a reliable company to mow grass for a reasonable price? If so, please call for a free estimate at 508-5183. Licensed and insured. TERO-certified. 4/19pd

Do you have reliable summer care? Marianne Ward offers babysitting at her house, every day, weekends included, now and for summer, for children 2 and up. Will work with Casino schedules. $4 an hour, includes meals, snacks and crafts. A sibling is only $2 an hour more. Long term references available. Call 828-736-1089 and leave a message, or text that number and a call or text will be returned to you. Marianne Ward 893 Sunset Farm Rd. Whittier, NC 28789 (828) 736-1089. 4/26

LCD tv “32 $50, infant 4c Jordan shoes $20: 736-7685
Dining table 4 chairs $75, loveseat $75: 586-5549
4 drawer filing cabinet $20: 550-1415

TRADING POST

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- Part-time Security - High school diploma or GED required. Shift varies.
- Cultural Program Coordinator - Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office management organization and related technical skill areas. Must have experience with budgets and grant writing. Must be sociable when dealing with the community. Experience with Cherokee Language and Culture preferred.
- School Psychologist - Minimum requirement of a Master's Degree in psychology and have at least three year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- Volleyball Coach - Must have HS diploma or GED; and must have previous successful experience.
- Middle/High School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers) - Must have valid NC Teaching license.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

APPLY ONLINE at: https://phil.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/ or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

POSITIONS OPEN

*Please attach all required documents*
*eg: Driver’s license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates*

Closing Friday, April 20, 2018
1. Ground Maintenance (Multiple) – Public Works – Operations (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
2. Teacher – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – PIHS (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
3. Stock Clerk – Commodities – PIHS (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
5. Advertising Sales Coordinator – One Feather – Commerce (L8 $34,112 - $42,640)
7. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In-Home Care Services – PIHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
8. Domestic Violence Intake Worker – DV Program – PIHS (L5 $25,830 - $32,288)
10. GIS Mapping Tech (Multiple) – GIS – Realty (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
12. GIS Web Application Developer – GIS – Realty (L12 $49,200 - $61,500)
13. GIS Land Record Clerk – Civil Law Department – Attorney General’s Office (L5 $25,830 - $32,288)
14. Destination Marketing Director – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L15 $64,206 - $80,258)

Closing Friday April 27, 2018
5. Remember the Removal Bike Ride/Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – PIHS (L8 $34,112 - $46,640)
6. Nutrition/Fitness Education Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – PIHS (L10 $41,082 - $51,353)
7. Detention Officer – Corrections – CIPD (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)

Open Positions

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at: www.cbcic.com/jobs
**EMPLOYMENT**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY** has the following jobs available:

- Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Optometrist
- Pedodontist
- PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center RN - Tsali Care Center
- Emergency Hire RN - Inpatient
- Dental Assistant II
- Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
- Dentist
- Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)
- LPN- Behavioral Health

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. Indian preference does apply.

**Job Opening: Cherokee Friends-Cultural Specialist**

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is looking for one person for the Cherokee Friends program, April through November (part-time hours). Cherokee Friends present programs to the public at the Museum and throughout the Cultural District, wearing historical clothing. Must have excellent skills for working with the public. Knowledge of Cherokee history and culture a plus, but will also be trained by the Museum. Job will include public speaking, cultural demonstrations, and walking through the Cultural District. Employment is dependent on passing a drug test and background check. Indian preference applies. Stop by the Museum Box Office for an application.

**Museum Now Taking Applications**

The Museum of the Cherokee Indians is now taking applications for both Full-time and Part-Time Seasonal workers. Pick up an application at the Box Office, must be able to work weekends and pass drug test.

**Unto These Hills is seeking seasonal Top of House workers for the 2018 season.** Seasonal positions available: Ushers, Concession, Box Office and Gift Shop Workers. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical Association’s main office located at 564 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC across the street from the Museum. You can also visit our website cherokeeadventure.com and apply online.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

The Cherokee Court

Cherokee, North Carolina

**Estate File Nos.: EST 13-002; EST 11-023; EST 11-006; EST 10-051; EST 12-049; EST 12-053**

**In the Matter of the Estates of: Mildred Messer Cisneros, (d. 11-23-2012)**

- Clarence James Deck, (d. 3-8-2011)
- Arnulfo Luis Librado, Jr., (d. 12-11-2010)
- Elsie Marie Johnson, (d. 7-29-2010)
- Margaret Ann Adams, (d. 7-22-2012)
- Beatrice Edith Maney Carver, (d. 8-6-2012)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center

April 26, 2018 at 1:30 PM

**DATE TO SUBMIT CLAIMS: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION**

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Cherokee, North Carolina
- Estate File No. EST 18-019

**In the Matter of the Estate of Edna Locust Hornbuckle**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed 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

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Cherokee, North Carolina
- Estate File No. EST 18-019

**In the Matter of the Estate of Christy Lou Wachacha**

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

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Cherokee, North Carolina
- Estate File No. EST 18-020

**In the Matter of the Estate of**
**Beverly Joyce Sprinkle**
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

**Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**
Counselor on a contractual basis.

** communicates, Manager of the EBCI DV/SA Program**
Seeks competitive proposals for a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor on a contractual basis.

**Gilbert Crowe, CROW’S WRECKER LLC**
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.

**In the Matter of the Estate of Kirby Lind Dunlap**
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

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
COUNTY OF JACKSON

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**GILBERT CROWE**
CROW’S WRECKER LLC

**VS**

**JUSTIN RYAN LAMBERT**
REDBIRD SEQOYAH

TAKE NOTICE THAT CROW’S TOWING LLC WILL HOLD A PUBLIC SALE MAY 10, 2018 AT 10 AM AT 293 KATE LAMBERT RD, CHEROKEE NC 28719

THE ITEM FOR SALE IS A VEHICLE # 1D7HU18D35143529, WVGB-C67L84DOO4469, WHICH THERE IS A LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF $1590.00, $3225.00 FOR TOWING LABOR AND REPAIR, PLUS A $35.00 CHARGE PER DAY. ACCUMULATION FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER UNTIL THE DATE OF SALE INCURRED BY THE LIENOR. SAID MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE SOLD IN PUBLIC SALE FOR THE APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR TITLE OF SAID VEHICLE.

**THIS THE_10 OF APRIL______, 2018**

**GILBERT CROWE, CROW’S WRECKER LLC, 293 KATE LAMBERT RD, CHEROKEE, NC 28719, (828)497-9898. 4/26pd**

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**Requests for Proposals**
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Senior Citizens Program
145 Tsali Manor St
Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: 828-359-6860

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Senior Citizens Program is requesting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide propane gas and related services for Senior Citizens who are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Bid packets may be picked up at Tsali Manor starting April 11, 2018. The deadline for submitting proposals will be April 25, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. Please be advised that all TERQ rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded with legal documents to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

If you have any questions, please contact Krisna Ashe at 828-359-6294.

**4/19pd**

**Call for Proposals**
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking a qualified individual or firm to develop a strategic tribal Transportation Safety Plan that will meet or exceed U. S. DOT Federal Highway Administration standards, and has the ability to produce a valid 432 text file

Full RFQ available at CDOT offices located at 680 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee NC 28719

Proposal Due Date: 5-3-2018:
CDOT must have 4 sealed copies received by 10:00am (late submissions are not considered) 
Proposal Submission Method:  U. S. mail, other delivery services, or hand deliver 
Proposal Submission Address:  
ATTN: Darrell Brown Planner Cherokee DOT, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 
P O Box 2400, Cherokee NC 28719 
E-mail: darrbrow@nc-cherokee.com, Phone: 828-359-6530 
Fax: 828-497-2448 
4/19pd

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

CIHA Tribal Option 
Business Functions
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The North Carolina Medicaid 1115 waiver demonstration for Medicaid managed care will be implemented statewide. S.L. 2015-245 requires the 1115 waiver demonstration to include statewide and regional contracts (“Prepaid Health Plans,” or PHPs) with both Provider Led Entities (PLEs) and Commercial Plans. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) will bid to be a PLE Tribal Option with a regional PHP contract that considers and addresses the unique cultural, behavioral health, and medical needs that are often the root causes of health issues among federally recognized tribal members. The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is a political sub-unit and legal entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It serves as a primary health system for the EBCI and has the delegated authority to manage the Programs, Functions, Services and Activities formally provided by the United States through the Indian Health Services Agency, consistent with the authority established in the Indian Self Determination Education and Assistance Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and all subsequent amendments.

To achieve its desired outcomes, this Tribal Option demonstration must involve the whole community and be founded on the strengths, values and beliefs of the Cherokee People. The CIHA strives to improve the health of the Cherokee population through its efforts to reflect the Cherokee values of spirituality, group harmony, strong individual character, strong connection to the land, honoring the past, and educating the children. Health care services and facilities should incorporate cultural elements that reflect a ‘sacred healing environment’ and the Cherokee connection to the earth below the trees. It is essential that these programs operate as fully integrated elements of the Tribe’s overall service array. These services must offer gender-specific treatment, address chronic medical conditions, treat co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, and have the capacity to address the needs of pregnant women and women with children. The services must emphasize the delivery of evidence-based treatment that is founded in traditional Cherokee beliefs and healing practices. The 1115 waiver will authorize the contracted PHPs to offer “in lieu of” or “value added” services specific to their networks. The State and CIHA will work together to identify culturally competent “in lieu of” services including acupuncture, biofeedback, therapeutic massage, healing touch, and chiropractic services.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the solicitation of bids for integral business functions that will be needed to plan, implement, and sustain the CIHA PLE Tribal Option within the North Carolina Medicaid managed care environment. The Tribal Option will provide the full array of medical, behavioral health, and pharmacy services covered by the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Plan (NC Health Choice) programs to all persons eligible for EBCI health services (enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as defined in Cherokee Tribal Code, Sec. 49-2; direct lineal descendants; members of other federally recognized Native American Tribes and Alaskan Natives; and a small number of others eligible for EBCI health services under Indian Health Service guidelines) who live within the defined CIHA Tribal Option geographical area. The Tribal Option area comprises the five county Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA) which includes Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties (counties that comprise Tribal Trust lands).

The federal definition of an Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE) is, “a managed care organization.. that is controlled (within the meaning of the last sentence of section 1903(m) (1)(C) of the Social Security Act) by the Indian Health Service, a Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization, or a consortium, which may be composed of one or more Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations, and which also may include the Indian Health Service.” The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is the only federally recognized Tribe in North Carolina, and its Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority will control the Provider Led Entity (Tribal Option) that operates under a regional PHP contract with the State.

As the single State agency for North Carolina’s Medicaid program, DHHS may obtain federal authority to operate a Medicaid managed care program through its proposed Section 1115 Demonstration waiver that was last amended in November of 2017. The waiver is currently pending approval with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In its waiver application, DHHS included the possible establishment of an IMCE PHP contract referenced as a “Tribal Option.” The waiver application language reads: The State and EBCI will continue to collaborate in the development of a Tribal Option that considers and addresses the unique cultural, behavioral health and medical needs of federally recognized tribal members.”

The tribal demonstration will be a shared risk health plan.

- The complete Request may be accessed on the CIHA website: cherokeehospital.org  (search Tribal Option) or by contacting Lacey Kilby at lacey.kilby@cherokeehospital.org or (828) 497-9163 ext. 6299

- Any questions or clarifications concerning this bid should be directed to Lori Lambert, CFO at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6462 or lori.lambert@cherokeehospital.org. The deadline for submitting questions is April 24, 2018.

- All proposals must be submitted to: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Attention: Lacey Kilby, Contracting Assistant 
Call Box C-268 (U. Postal Service delivery) 
1 Hospital Road (physical address) Cherokee, NC 28719. 4/19pd

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks
proposals for a Director to establish and coordinate the “Guardian Ad Litem Volunteers for Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children Program” for the Cherokee Family Safety Court. The Director will implement a program to provide Tribal Court with independent, culturally knowledgeable community members who can advocate for the best interests of children involved in the court system. He/she will recruit and train volunteers, work closely with these volunteers and administer the program and the BIA funding allocation in conjunction with Tribal Court administrative staff. This position will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Relevant Work and/or Volunteer Experience
3. Relevant Education/Training Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 30, 2018 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email letter-proposals to Amber Shuler, Court Administrator Cherokee Tribal Court, P.O. Box 1629 Cherokee, N.C. 28719, ambeshul@nc-cherokee.com

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. 4/26pd

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks proposals for Guardian ad Litem’s for the Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children Program for the Cherokee Family Safety Court. Guardian ad Litem’s will assure the protection of a child’s best interest of children involved in the court system. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Relevant Work and/or Volunteer Experience
3. Relevant Education/Training Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 30, 2018 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator
Cherokee Tribal Court, PO Box 1629
Cherokee, NC 28719
ambeshul@nc-cherokee.com

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