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MURPHY - On Wednesday, July 18, a group including tribal elders, tribal, local, and state officials, management and staff of Harrah’s Valley River, and UltraStar came together to cut the purple ribbon officially dedicking the new entertainment complex adjoining the casino and hotel.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke at the ceremony and had this to say about the new facility. “The opening of the new Valley River UltraStar Multi-tainment Center is another step forward in the building of a legacy for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a source of income and commerce for the entire western North Carolina region. What arose as an idea and request from our tribal elders has become a business that will sustain many in our community and region and provide another pastime for those in our communities and those visiting from other parts of the country. Today’s ribbon cutting is a celebration of a great effort from our tribal leadership, Harrah’s and Ultrasar leadership, and in collaboration with our neighboring communities.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha shared, “It is just an amazing facility, walking up here, bringing my kids here. It is something we will enjoy for years to come. I want to thank the TCGE Board for having the vision to take the bull by the horns and get this added to the existing facility. This team has done a wonderful job of staying above projections which is always a good thing for the members of the Tribe. Anything we build, I hope it can be successful. We hope that this will be a place that people will come and enjoy. I would like to thank the past Councils and the current Council. I am truly blessed to be Chairman, and I appreciate all the support.”

Chairman Wachacha expressed that he hoped that even more ideas and ventures would be realized soon. He thanked the seniors who attended and supported the project.

Harrah’s Cherokee Casino and Resort General Manager Brooks Robinson; Harrah’s Valley River Casino and Hotel General Manager Lumpy....
Lambert; and Adam Saks, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of UltraStar Ak-Chin; thanked Chief Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council, contractor Robins and Morton, and their respective teams in finishing the construction of the project. They also gave special thanks to the tribal elders, who they said were a “driving force” in getting the Multi-tainment Center to be a priority for the Tribe.

After the ribbon was cut, everyone was invited in to try out the amenities in the new Multi-tainment Center which is constructed similarly to its sister operation in Cherokee. It features a room full of state-of-the-art video games, sports skill games, and a prize center. The bowling lanes are state-of-the-art as well. There is also pool tables and a dining area. The most notable difference is that the Murphy operation is all on one floor with high ceilings while the Cherokee facility is a two-story facility.

Vice Chief Ensley acknowledged the collaborative effort and the potential for growth. “It was great to see this new addition to the Tribe’s businesses and to share it first with our seniors, who are the reason this idea was presented and became a reality. I congratulate our tribal government, the Cherokee community, Harrah’s and UltraStar for their hard work and collaboration in getting this project on the ground. The tribal communities in Cherokee County and Snowbird will benefit through the jobs available here and will enjoy recreation time here as well. We hope that everyone in the area and those tourists traveling to the area will have a great time at the new Multi-tainment Center.”

Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown was pleased with the finished product. “It is a good day for the Cherokee people. It is a good day for Cherokee County. It is diversifying our economy, and I think that is good for our whole Tribe.”

The town of Murphy Mayor Rick Ramsey attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and was excited and grateful for the opportunities that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is bringing to his community. “It (the Multi-tainment Center) is absolutely beautiful. I think it is such a great addition to a facility that is already wonderful. I am so grateful that the casino is here. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians supports the town of Murphy, the county, the community. We want to be as close as possible to our friends and have a great working relationship going forward.”

Mayor Ramsey said that he has offered an open line of communication with Chief Sneed and members of tribal leadership. “The jobs that this facility has brought into our community and now the bowling alley, arcade, and restaurant brings that much more.”

He said that the town was growing and being recognized nationally due, in part, to the national reputation of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. “It is a gorgeous facility, but that is sort of par for the course for the Eastern Band. Whatever they do, it’s done right and done right the first time. This is going to be an incredible addition to the community and for the tribal members and for the people of Cherokee County to come and visit. It is just a continuing effort of the tribe to be good stewards of their revenue.”

Senator for the 50th District (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties) Jim Davis commented, “It is a gorgeous facility, but that is sort of par for the course for the Eastern Band. Whatever they do, it’s done right and done right the first time. This is going to be an incredible addition to the community and for the tribal members and for the people of Cherokee County to come and visit. It is just a continuing effort of the tribe to be good stewards of their revenue.”

The official opening day for the new UltraStar Multi-tainment Center in Murphy was Monday, July 23.
Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are one step closer to being able to legally gather sochan in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Officials from the National Park Service (NPS) announced on Thursday, July 19 that a proposed agreement between them and the Tribe is entering the comment phase.

The NPS approved changes to 36 CFR Part 2 (Gathering of Certain Plants or Parts by Federally Recognized Tribes for Traditional Purposes) in late June 2016. Tribes must enter into agreements with the NPS and must have a “traditional association to lands within the national park and the plants must be gathered only for traditional purposes.”

Park officials released a statement on Thursday stating, “The Plant Gathering Rule authorizes agreements between the National Park Service and tribes to facilitate continuation of tribal cultural practices in national parks where those practices traditionally occurred. The proposed agreement would establish a management framework for sustainable gathering of sochan (Rudbeckia laciniata) by EBCI members for traditional purposes.”

An Environmental Assessment (EA) with a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) is required for this process. In their statement, Park officials noted, “As an integral part of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act compliance processes, the park is asking for public input on matters related to the proposed action, environmental issues, potential alternatives, and sources of data that should be considered.”

Public comment is now being sought until Friday, Aug. 17. Comments can be made online by visiting https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsm and following a link entitled “Sochan Gathering for Traditional Purposes” or by mailing them to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Attention: Environmental Planning and Compliance, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

During an Annual Council meeting last October, Tribal Council allocated funds, not to exceed $68,100, for the costs associated with the Environmental Assessment. The resolution was submitted by the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and states that the funds will be donated to the Friends of the Smokies, a non-profit organization, which shall facilitate the study.

Information from the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, submitted to the One Feather earlier this spring, states, “The EA to execute the plant gathering regulation will be conducted over the next year. During that time, the EBCI Natural Resources Department will also be working on developing the permitting system, monitoring protocols, remedies for noncompliance of a permit, and other key components. The goal is to begin permitting a set number of EBCI tribal members for sochan gathering in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by next spring (2019).”

Once the federal gathering rule was changed in June 2016, then-NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said in a statement, “The changes to the gathering rule support continuation of unique cultural traditions of American Indians and support the mission of the National Park Service. This also respects tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and the tribes.”

Former Director Jarvis actually visited Cherokee in 2010 and spoke with various tribal leaders and community members to hear concerns on the issue. “It became a mission of mine to fix this,” he said in a tribal consultation meeting at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on July 16, 2010.

Once the study and formal agreement is finalized on the gathering of sochan, the Tribe will seek a similar study and agreement on the gathering of ramps.
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A journey of no limitations

Tribal member completes run to Oklahoma

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Kallup McCoy II left Kituwah on the morning of May 14, and a month-and-a-half and many grueling miles later, he finished his journey. In order to raise awareness about substance abuse and recovery, McCoy, an EBCI tribal member and founder of RezHOPE Recovery and Consulting, ran the Benge Route of the Trail of Tears finishing on June 28 at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Okla.

“The message I was trying to send to people is we don’t have to be prisoners or confined to our circumstances or to our experiences, whatever that may be,” he said. “I wanted to show people that just because someone tells you ‘no’ that doesn’t mean that you can’t get to where you want to go. I wanted to give that hope and inspiration to those that are still struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues.”

During his journey, in which he averaged over 20 miles a day, McCoy said he was able to deal with a lot of issues. “One of the things I carried a lot was my relationship with my dad and how that turned out when he passed and where we were at with our father-son relationship when he passed. I carried a lot of guilt and shame. I had a lot of revelations out there. God was really speaking to me.”

Following a news interview, McCoy said, “I was doing an interview and I started talking about my dad, and I got so overcome with emotion and shame and guilt. I hung my head down as I started talking about it. That’s not what he would have wanted for me.”

A few days before the end of the journey, he was 18 miles into that day’s run and was listening to Conway Twitty’s “That’s My Job” — a song he and his father listened to together. “I was literally talking out loud to my dad, ‘Dad, I wish you could be here. You’d be so proud of me right now.’ And, I look over and see a sign that read McCoy’s Garage...the theme throughout this whole journey was breaking chains...so, I stop for a second to take a picture and then I put my phone back in my bag and start running again and there’s a broken chain laying there.”

McCoy said the main message he would like to give to everyone, including those in recovery, is “Stop putting limitations on yourself.”

Several leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians went out to see McCoy finish his run in Tahlequah. “That’s crucial in recovery is having that support,” noted McCoy. “We recover in this community, and that’s what we’re trying to do is make this community more recovery-minded and understanding — not just knowledgeable. It’s one thing to be knowledgeable, but it’s another thing to be understanding and kind and have compassion.”

He added, “For the leadership to come out there and say that they believe in me and they’re proud of me, that speaks volumes to me.”

Tribal Council recognized McCoy at the Cherokee Council House on Wednesday, July 11.

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha noted that day, “A few Council members were able to get out there to receive him in Tahlequah after his long journey from Cherokee, North Carolina all the way to Tahlequah. Oklahoma on foot. It was a recovery for hope. It was a Christian-led message which I’m very appreciative of.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said, “I was really moved by a post that Kallup put on Facebook. And, it was two photos side-by-side — one where he was in the hospital from an overdose and then an image of him out there running and making this journey and really giving hope to people who are struggling with addiction. It was just such an awesome contrast to see.”

He went on to say, “It’s amazing what God has done in your heart. For the folks who are in addiction, there is hope...people who have not been directly touched by addiction want to have simple answers to a very complex problem. These are our sons and daughters, our moms and dads, our brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles; they’re our people. You have put a face on recovery for us, and for that I thank you and I’m proud of you.”

JOURNEY: Kallup McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member and founder of RezHOPE Recovery and Consulting, leaves Kituwah on the morning of Monday, May 12 as he began his retracing of the Trail of Tears Benge Route. He finished his journey in Tahlequah, Okla. on June 28.
Several tribal leaders visited the Graham County Indian Education program on Wednesday, July 18 to see a quilting education program. Shown (left-right) are - Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, EBCI Beloved Woman Ella Bird (working on a quilt), Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.

EBCI Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer was honored by the Big Cove Women’s Club on Friday, July 13. She was given a blanket, several pillows, and other gifts.

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5th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam held at Cherokee Skate Park
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FLYING: Xavier Locust, an EBCI tribal member, took first place in the Intermediate Division at the 5th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam held at the Cherokee Skate Park on Saturday, July 21.

SPONSORED (PRO) DIVISION: First Place - Keanu Brown, 22, Hendersonville; Second - Jared Lee, Maggie Valley; Third - Kevin Lee Sutton, 52, Mars Hill

ADVANCED DIVISION: First Place - Aaron Smart, 20, Cherokee; Second - Aaron Gill, 22, Asheville; Third - Ronnie Sutton, 22, Clyde

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: First Place - Xavier Locust, 19, Cherokee; Second - A.J. Hawkins, 21, Waynesville; Third - Zuriah Smith, 16, Canton

BEGINNER DIVISION: Andrey Arellano, 16, Cherokee, second place; Hayden Herman, 14, Cherokee, first place; and Yellowhill Community Club officers Bo and Anita Lossiah.
CHAMP: Aaron Smart, an EBCI tribal member, took first place in the Advanced Division. He helped organize a clean-up of the Park in preparation for this event.
AIR: Levi Sutton won the Best Trick Contest along with Aaron Smart.

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GOOD FORM: Jared Lee competes in the Best Trick Contest.

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BALANCE: Kevin Lee Shelton shows incredible balance with a hand grab trick.

BALANCE II: Keanu Brown goes vertical with his board.
Junior pageant application

Those interested in being a contestant for the 2018 Little Miss, Junior Miss, or Teen Miss Cherokee pageants can download an application online at: https://theonefeather.com/2018/06/download-an-application-for-ebci-junior-pageants/

Summer Energy Crisis Assistance

Tribal LIHEAP Program will be offering Summer Energy Crisis Assistance beginning mid-July. See Family Support for more information at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719, Beloved Women’s and Children’s Center, 1st floor.

Info: 359-6092
- EBCI PHHS

Wolftown Community Club news

The Wolftown Community Club held its regular scheduled meeting on July 2. We had to change the time to 5:30pm since the gym closes at 7pm. We had a great meeting and turnout. Chairman Jackson announced that the club received a discretionary grant to help purchase tables and chairs for the new community building. He also asked for suggestions for the float for the Fall Fair, which we will re-visit.

Chairman Jackson attended By-Law training sponsored by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office and would like to review the club’s again. Tribal Council Reps. Bo Crowe and Jeremy Wilson reported on the plans for a water theme park to be built on the site near the hospital. It is up for vote in Tribal Council and the cost would be more now than when it was originally planned. A discussion followed, and the majority of the members decided it needed to be put off due to concerns about cost and the water treatment plant having to be upgraded to be able to accommodate the park.

A discussion about housing for enrolled members, land, the golf course hotel, T.E.R.O. HR and re-routing the road away from the island followed. Next, landscaping at the new building was discussed and Norma and Ted Moss are going to donate day lilies to plant and would like the community to help. Dates and times will be decided soon.

The next regularly scheduled Community Club meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 5:30pm at the Wolftown Gym. Come out and bring your ideas and suggestions for the Fair float! Our School Supply Event will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Wolftown Gym. There will be a Clean-Up Day at the new building site on Saturday, Aug. 4 starting at 9am.

If you have questions, contact Tuff Jackson 788-4088 or 497-5332.

Special Announcement: The Wolftown Community Club, along with the Office of the Principal Chief and the Office of the Vice Chief will be holding an Open House at the new Wolftown Community Building on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 10am. Everyone is invited to attend and help celebrate this long awaited and exciting event! Refreshments will be provided.

- Tammy Jackson, Secretary
Wolftown Community Club

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as I close in on finishing up my advanced education. Having been fortunate enough to continue to receive this award has truly been a blessing to my family and I.

This final fall semester I will continue to complete my emphasis courses in Marketing and in Leadership Management. I am continuing to work with at risk youth in the Kansas City, Kansas area. Some other news is that I was selected to intern at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. I am really excited about the opportunity to work primarily with Native communities and further my knowledge and experience to possibly help our tribe in the future. Again, my educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund and our Tribe’s Higher Education Department. Thank you this opportunity!

Sgi.
Luke Swimmer

Thank you EBCI

My name is Taylor Spellman, great granddaughter of Robert S. Youngdeer, and granddaughter of Merritt Youngdeer Sr. and Lulie Youngdeer, and I recently graduated from Loma Linda University in California with my Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). I went to undergrad for one year at South Dakota State University and three years at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska with three years of grad school at Loma Linda University.

I am immensely grateful for funding that I did not deserve but received from the EBCI. I had the privilege to work with the wonderful people at the EBCI Higher Education Department as they followed me through my journey. All the while they made sure I turned in paperwork on time and would swiftly respond to my emails with answers to questions I had. Not only did I receive funding for my education, but I also received funds to help cover the costs of rent and meals, as well as incentive for good grades.

With schools charging higher and higher prices each year it was a huge blessing to know that I didn’t have to worry and that my future was secure so long as I did my part by being a good student – and I graduated with honors from both undergrad and graduate school. I am more than proud to be part of the Cherokee tribe and the funds I have received reflect the generosity and goodness of this Tribe.

Sending kids to school with no worries of debt is a huge incentive to go out and achieve whatever dreams you have for your career, and this is something we should not take for granted. There are many who cannot go to school only because they cannot afford it so my education is a gift that is invaluable to me. Thank you so much, my Tribe. for helping me achieve my dreams. I am forever grateful.

Taylor Spellman

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NOW YOU SEE THEM...NOW YOU DON'T: This large bull elk, one of three, was spotted in a cornfield in the Yellowhill Community on the evening of Thursday, July 19.

OBITUARIES

Mollie Welch Herbold

Mollie Welch Herbold, 79, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Adam Welch and Annie Powell Welch. She was a basket weaver and stay-at-home mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She is survived by two daughters, Kerry Jachim (Ron) and Monica Taylor (Kimsey); two granddaughters, Tabitha Herbold (Chris) and Christina Bigwitch (Robert); five great grandchildren, Emma Lou, Vincent Owle, Drake Owle, Meeka, and Ramona Bigwitch; one sister, Annie French; and her dobie babies, Sarge and Blackhawk.

In addition to her parents, Mollie was preceded in death by her husband, John Herbold Sr.; two sons, John Herbold Jr. and Richard Herbold; brothers, Frank, Wilson, John, Simpson, and Larch; and sisters, Charlotte, Agnes, and Elsie.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 21 at the Big Cove Baptist Church. Pastor James “Bo” Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Welch Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kimsey, Chris, Ronnie, Shane, Tommy, Dennis, and Will.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Herbold family.
CULLOWHEE - The Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum at Bardo Arts Center has announced an exhibition entitled Joshua Adams: Facing Culture, running through Aug. 24. The exhibition brings together a selection of masks and carvings of the human face by Eastern Band Cherokee artist Joshua Adams, who expresses a deep reverence for his culture through his artwork.

A teacher of woodcarving at Cherokee High School, Adams’ work reflects on the importance of preserving his culture and how outside influences have, and still do, impact Cherokee life and belief. Intended for display rather than ceremony, these representations of the human face range from traditional Cherokee forms, such as the hornet’s nest mask, to contemporary twists on tradition, such as his blistered “zombie” mask cast from a carved warrior form. Made from a variety of woods with details fashioned from rabbit fur, feathers, porcupine quills, and traditional arrows, Adams’ works demonstrate the technical complexity of mask making and the array of materials that enliven this art form. Sculptors, wood carvers, historians, craft enthusiasts, and those interested in Cherokee art and culture will not want to miss this exhibition.

Adams studied woodcarving under renowned artist Dr. James Bud Smith. He is influenced by the legendary sculptor and teacher Amanda Crowe, who taught wood carving for nearly 40 years at Cherokee High School. He also learned aspects of his craft from his family, which includes woodcarvers James and Irma Bradley.

In 2010, Adams took over teaching the woodcarving program at Cherokee High School and now instructs a younger generation of students in this revered Cherokee art form. Inspired by traditional masks, which are one of the earliest forms of carving practiced by the Cherokee people, Adams aims to celebrate and preserve his heritage. He combines this pride in his culture with an aesthetic inspired by graphic novels and graffiti art that brings his work a 21st-century edge. Inquisitive about his own culture, Adams regularly uses texts on Cherokee culture as a jumping point for his work and then finds ways to tie in his personal experience or offer provocative commentary.

The reception for Joshua Adams: Facing Culture will take place on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 5 – 7pm at the WCU Fine Art Museum at Bardo Arts Center, 199 Centennial Drive, Cullowhee. The reception will begin at 5pm, with a gallery talk at 5:30pm, followed by live music, and refreshments. Regular museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10am – 4pm and Thursdays until 7pm.

Info: (828) 227-ARTS or visit www.bardoartscenter.wcu.edu

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Southwestern Community College’s BLET program graduated ten individuals recently at the Jerry Sutton Public Safety Training Center. The graduates (left-right) front row – John Cherry (Franklin), Adriannon Hyatt (Cherokee), Bradley Greene (Whittier), Maleah Mathis (Sylva), Parrish Young (Franklin); back row – Brett Parrish (Sylva), Matthew Bingham (Franklin), Joseph Raby (Franklin), McKinsey Jones (Sylva), and Mark Leamon (Whittier). The BLET graduates were required to complete more than 700 hours of training together in less than six months. Upon completing their classes at SCC’s Public Safety Training Center and passing the BLET state exam, the graduates are able to become law enforcement officers in the state of North Carolina.
WRESTLER: Braden Taylor (right in photo above), an EBCI tribal member from the Wolftown Community, attended a nine-day wrestling camp at Ken Chertow’s Gold Medal Training Camp at Penn State University. He is shown above with Zane Retherford, a three-time NCAA National Champion and three-time All-American wrestler at Penn State. Chertow (right in photo below), sponsor and coach at the camp, represented the United States in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He was a three-time NCAA All-American at Penn State, a two-time Junior National Champion, and a two-time Junior World Champion. Of Braden’s trip, the Taylor family stated, “Braden would like to thank everyone who made it possible for him to make this trip. He would like to thank the following for their donations: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council, his Wolftown Council Representatives Bo Crowe and Jeremy Wilson, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Qualla Housing, Daniel Tramper and Deer Clan Productions, The Champ Rick Bird, Will Smith, Santa’s Land, his grandma and grandpa Clara and Morgan Calhoun, grandma and grandpa Cleo and Ed Taylor, and his mom and dad Katrina and Bill Taylor. Braden had a great trip even though he had three workouts a day for nine days starting at 9am and ending at 9pm at night. Again, thanks to everyone who made this possible.”

Photos courtesy of Bill Taylor

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Don’t let alcohol control your life and destiny

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We are in the middle of debate within our community concerning the accessibility of alcohol to our people; if it is a good idea for the Tribe to loosen restrictions on alcoholic beverages on the Boundary. Some say we should not allow alcohol any further into our community than it is already. Some say laws should be rolled back to ban alcohol sales from tribal lands entirely. Others say that the “cat is already out of the bag” and we are losing out on revenue opportunities by restricting sales when municipalities that within walking distance are allowing sales and making millions of dollars. They feel that the impact of alcohol will not change because access on the Boundary changes. Still, others say that in addition to the physical hazards of alcohol, that it is a betrayal of our heritage because alcohol use and abuse was little to non-existent before first contact. The right answer to the puzzle of alcohol seems to lie in shades of grey that no one seems able to articulate well.

Whatever your opinion on this issue, you probably hold that belief because of your personal experience. I don’t know anyone personally that can’t share a story or two about a drunk uncle, father, or friend. In fact, one of my uncles lived almost his entire adult life tied to booze. He lived a vagabond existence. From my earliest memories as a child, he would typically come to my mother’s house (mom’s brother) when he was out of money and out of luck. He would usually arrive drunk, begging for a place to stay for a while so that he could dry out and make enough money to leave on his next adventure. He would be gone for a few weeks or months; then he would arrive again to repeat the cycle. Sometimes, he would come in pretty banged up, where he would stagger around and fall into an asphalt road or tumble down a rocky embankment. Other times, he would show up having been mugged outside a bar or just staggering down a street. He would have knots on his head, bruises, and cuts on his body from the beatings. When he would drink, he would drink until he was numb. He would do and say things that he could not remember as he sobered up. He didn’t care who he hurt with his words or his actions. We loved my uncle, and each time we would see him, we would take him in, attend to whatever wounds he would have, get good meals in him, and give him a place to live and hopefully start over. He would start over, but not the way we would hope. He would clean up for a while, even find a job and work for a while. But, when he would save up enough money, he would sneak alcohol back to our home or would pack up and disappear until the next time he ran out of luck.

My uncle used alcohol as a pain killer. You see, when he was a young man, he was in a car accident with his younger brother that resulted in his brother’s death. Mom believes that my uncle was at the wheel, although he could never remember for sure. He always blamed himself for his brother’s death.

My uncle was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He had a great singing voice and could pick a guitar like no body’s business, to use my mom’s turn-of-phrase. It meant he was good. When I was in single digits in age, I can remember begging him to play and sing Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire,” and he could do it almost as good as Johnny. When he was sober, there was not a kinder, sweeter man on the planet. Under the influence of alcohol, he had a different personality - cussing, hateful, and mean. He would try to fight anyone, including children. He would get so drunk he could not crawl, much less walk. There were times when we would find him lying in his urine and vomit.

His story does have a happy ending, sort of. Very late in life, he found someone that he fell in love with, got married, professed Christian faith and stopped drinking. For a couple of years, he led...
an alcohol-free life. Then, his wife died. He was alone, and I thought he would go back to booze. He didn’t. He lived alone for another few years and died of a heart attack. Mom got worried because she hadn’t had contact with him for a few days, went to his house and found him, laying on the floor beside his dining room, beside a table with a cup of coffee on it. It looked like he had been drinking it when the attack hit him, and he just fell out of the chair.

I imagine that many of you have similar stories of loved ones or friends who chose to allow alcohol to be the pain killer in their lives. They have experienced trauma of some sort and they try to numb their minds to it with beer, wine, or liquor. Sometimes, we make substitutions in our life for the things that leave us or go wrong for us. It is a choice they make.

Not everyone chooses to dull his pain with alcohol. There are many people who drink socially, whether they just enjoy the taste or to fit in with the crowd. They drink in moderation and do not lose control of their minds and bodies. It is a choice they make.

Many of the people who come out against alcohol are either recovering alcoholics or people who have seen the negative impact in the home or community from alcoholism. There are those who act like they think alcohol has a mind of its own and is looking to hook innocent people into using it to excess. Like any other inanimate object, alcohol cannot do anything with someone to control it. Alcohol cannot force someone to ingest it. A person must act for alcohol to do anything.

I know that this information seems very elementary to many of you, but many of us also really don’t get it. The issues that we are having with alcohol, drugs, and other health and criminal issues will not be solved with bans or restricting access. Try as we might, we will never create an environment where people who want a thing will not be able to get it.

We must work on changing the minds and society so that we provide a good alternative to alcohol, drugs, or whatever else is used to kill the pain that troubles an addict. My uncle was mentally running away from a life where he perceived himself to be a bad person. He felt unloved and unwanted, even though we tried to give him a loving environment in which to recover.

We have slowly but surely created the environment for addiction to thrive.

But through decades of abusing alcohol, he did not find the loving environment he was looking for until very late in life. It was too easy just to go back to what he knew best, even if it provided only temporary comfort.

As I was growing up, I was told that Indians were genetically predisposed to being alcoholics. Some still believe that today. Indians are not any more likely to be drunks than other nationalities because of their genetic makeup. It is the environment that our generations dealt with that causes the higher incidence of alcoholism in our tribes.

According to recovery.org, “Native Americans have some of the highest rates of alcohol and drug abuse among minority groups. Certain factors may contribute to the development of alcohol use disorders among Native Americans, including loss of family members and tribes, land, and traditions, led to historical trauma. This unresolved grief has been transmitted across generations from parents to children, which has led to the development of negative coping mechanisms such as drinking.”

History of abuse: Throughout history, Native American children have been involuntarily taken from their homes and sent to boarding schools. Children did not have contact with their families and lived in schools with poor conditions, harsh discipline, and physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Some children turned to alcohol to cope with the turmoil.

Physical health problems: Native Americans have high rates of physical health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, obesity, liver disease, hepatitis, and stroke. Native Americans are also at higher risk of being hurt in unintentional accidents and having children die from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Chronic illnesses can lead to significant stress and increase the risk of alcohol abuse.

Mental health problems: Native Americans experience high rates of mental illness and suicide. The suicide rate among Native American teens is 2.5 times greater than the national average. Native Americans also have high rates of co-occurring disorders, which refers to having both a mental illness and a substance abuse problem.

Having a mental illness or having a loved one suffer from one can cause a great deal of distress.” (www.recovery.org)

I don’t know the answer to the question of if we should have alcohol sales on the Boundary and it is not what I want to debate. My hope is more personal than that. If we know what the trigger points are for addiction, be it obesity, alcohol, or opioids, and we know that most of those triggers are societal, then why are we, as a community, as a government, as individuals, so focused on restricting access to products and not focusing on societal education and integration programs? We can choose to create an environment in which we are communicative on a personal, intimate level, instead of through a Facebook page. The more digital our relationships are, the more isolated we become. We have slowly but surely created the environment for addiction to thrive. Only when we take ownership and control of that will we make significant progress in the fight against addiction.
COMMENTARY

No word for goodbye

RENISSA MCLAUGHLIN

When my sister was diagnosed with cancer, we felt we had time. Time to...ensure our moments together were meaningful. It was a short six months.

My sister was a quiet person who trusted her health care provider. She never questioned or asked for a second opinion, even after she had communicated her conditions for over a year. When she was finally referred out, it was too late. The first scan showed a spot on her lungs. Later, an MRI would confirm her own research, the cancer had spread to her bones.

It was stage four. She said, “I’m going to die.”

I told her to remain positive. We would talk to the doctors. Sitting in the Oncologist’s office, the doctor confirmed her own diagnosis. While they could do some preventative measures to address weak bones, the word “terminal” did not escape me. We sat and waited to hear from the next doctor. She sat quietly and tears began to fall and she reminisced about her favorite part of Christmas and that she had just taken her lights down. Within a couple of weeks, I had put more lights up, hoping she would be able to see them at night.

February came, then March, and as the months quickly slipped by, she grew weaker. Cancer. bone cancer; one of the most painful. How was this fair? I asked this often. She was a quiet person, a Godly woman who read her Bible every day. Where was the justice? I would remind myself that I could not question God’s plan for her. When she could speak, she told me about the people, family members long gone, who were coming to visit her.

“They’re standing around me and placing their hands on me”, she would say. “I think they are here to comfort me.”

She also described what she called a transition place. She thought it was the place in between the living and the afterlife. She described our cousin who had died earlier in the year of an overdose.

She said, “She’s a little girl with her hair in pigtails, she’s smiling and happy.”

I responded that may have been the last time she was happy. Like many of us, she had not had the best childhood. I was comforted that she had crossed over to a place where there was no sadness, no need to self-medicate any longer.

While my mother prayed for a miracle, I struggled with the right words. I selfishly did not want her to go. But, her pain was so great. So great, she asked the question, “What did I do to deserve to die this way?”

I had no answers. I was just angry. Angry that this woman, my sister, had to suffer when she was a decent and kind person.

As June approached and her body grew weaker, I knew. I didn’t want to say it out loud for then it would be true. I believe in those final moments, that her suffering was no more. We were there for her until her last breath.

What I hope to convey in this article is the importance for tribal members to be their own, strong, health care advocates. I truly believe had she been diagnosed sooner, not just completely trusting her provider, her life course would have been changed. She never questioned. She just complained about the pain for over a year, but it was too late when her provider finally listened. Too many of our tribal members, many who do not like to go to the doctor, just take whatever is prescribed whether it is medicine or treatment or lack thereof. In my sister’s case, she trusted and did not question.

I have often wondered why there is no word for goodbye in our language. The answer has been there, waiting for me to accept it or know it to be my truth. Cherokees have always believed in a higher power, the Creator “Unetlanvhi”. If you believe in his existence and walk the right path, there is a hereafter. My sister described this place and knew there were loved ones waiting for her. This is the second mission and most important message. Heaven is real. She saw this wonderful place and told us about it.

Perhaps this explains why there is no Cherokee word for goodbye. On bended knee by her bed, I prayed for her deliverance into heaven. She will suffer no more. She walks with the Lord and is surrounded by her loved ones.

I did not say goodbye.

“This is not the end for us dear sister”, I whispered, “Denadagohvyu - Until We Meet Again”.

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Write to The Editor, Cherokee One Feather, P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, 28719 or email at robejump@nc-cherokee.com
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Healing and Wellness Coalition dissolving

To the Cherokee people:

The Healing and Wellness Coalition was started in 2002. It has been an unforgettable journey that we have traveled in the interest of healing and wellness among the Cherokee people as well as many of our friends and allies.

We have accomplished great things together. We’ve brought speakers, we’ve honored people at Tribal Council, and we’ve raised and donated money. In our final act of dissolution, we donated money to the Cherokee Seed Corn project, the Center for Native Health and to Analenisgi and the Rally for Recovery. We’ve donated Wellbriety books and workbooks, participated in walks for good causes throughout the years, held hands and shared tears through births, funerals and everything in between.

At a meeting on June 19, Coalition members voted to dissolve the Coalition and transition into different community groups to carry on the mission of the Coalition. It is our prayer and hope that the ripples sent out by this Coalition into the community will turn into waves of healing that will be felt far into the future.

Thank you to everyone who supported our work, attended our conferences and events and helped in whatever way you could. We could not have done it without you.

And going forward,

Dodadagohv’i.
(We shall see each other again.)

Carol B. Long, Mary A. Herr, Jan Lambert, Lianna Costantino
Healing and Wellness Coalition Executive Committee

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Yard sale starts at 8am, bake sale at 10am. silent auction and Indian taco dinners at 11am. Funds raised will be used for a building addition.

Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine 1st Annual Masquerade Ball. Aug. 25 from 7 - 11pm at Chestnut Tree Inn. Single ticket: $25; couples ticket: $40. VIP ticket: $50. 21 and over only. Info: https://form.jotform.com/81634766143157

General Events

Homebuyer Education Class. July 30 and Aug. 1 from 5 – 7pm at EBCI Housing & Community Development Conference Room at 756 Acquoni Road. Working toward owning a home and don’t know where to start? Or, want to learn what homeownership is all about? Must attend both sessions to receive certificate. Info: Tina Larch 359-6912 or Shelby Hornbuckle 359-6917

Indivisible Swain County meeting. July 30 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn. All are welcome to join. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118


Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society annual picnic. Aug. 2 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. This is a time to gather around good food and swap stories about family and history.

Myers/Griffin Family Reunion. Aug. 4 at 12pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. This is for the families of Alvin Myers and Nancy Ellen Griffin. Bring a food dish and photos to share. Door prizes. Info: Soney and Johnnie Sue Myers 497-2416, or Jan Hall (941) 716-4056, jhall6042@gmail.com

Big Y Community School Supply Giveaway. Aug. 6 at 6pm at Big Y Community Club Building. This is for residents of Big Y Community only who will be attending grades K-12. It doesn’t matter the school the youth attends. All other communities will be hosting a school supply giveaway for their residents and will be announcing their own dates in the near future.

Kananesgi Fashion Show. Aug. 25 from 5-8pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center Lobby. Traditional and Contemporary Cherokee Designs. Info: Hope Huskey 359-
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.

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

Back-to-School 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. July 28 at Birdtown Gym. Boys and girls divisions with the following age divisions: upcoming 4th and 5th graders; upcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders; and upcoming high schoolers. Entry fee: $20 per team, up to 4-person roster. First place winners will receive hoodies. The deadline to register is Thursday, July 26 by 4:30pm. Info: 359-6890

Cherokee Central Schools Volleyball Tryouts. JV and varsity (9th – 12th grades) tryouts will be held July 31 – Aug. 1 from 5-7pm in the Charles George Memorial Arena. Middle School (6th – 8th grade) tryouts will be held Aug. 1-2 from 3-5pm in the same place. Info: Tina Swimmer, head varsity volleyball coach, 554-5027 or 736-6624; or Taran Swimmer, head middle school volleyball coach, 736-8768

What Can I Eat? Program. Four weekly sessions starting Aug. 8 from 12 – 1:30pm at the demo kitchen at Cherokee Indian Hospital. This is a community-based, nutrition-focused support program for adults with type 2 diabetes and their families. Lunch is provided at each session. The program is created by the American Diabetes Association. Info: Nilofer Couture, RD, CDE, CHA Nutrition Dept., 497-9163 ext. 6459

Upcoming Pow Wows for July 26-29

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.


40th Annual Thunderbird American Indian Mid-Summer Pow Wow. July 27-29 at Queen County Farm Museum in Floral Park, New York. Info: (718) 347-3276, info@queensfarm.org


Fort Totten Days Annual Celebration. July 27-29 in Fort Totten, ND. Emcees: Donny Spidahl, Howie Thompson. No contact information provided


142nd Annual Ponca Pow Wow Benefit Dance. July 28 at Ponca Tribal Cultural Center in Ponca City, Okla. Emcees: Carloa Calica, Bryan Brightcloud. Host Drum: Four Directions. Info: Gary Eastty (360) 903-9570, magwiconi03@gmail.com

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 Sleet. 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 Paint-town 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 Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club
meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it’s a holiday. Info: Bo Lossiah 508-1781, Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Reuben Teesatuskie (building rental) 497-2043

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.

Constitution Committee
meets on Monday from 6 -8pm at the Shawn Blanton EOC Building in the IT Conference room. All are welcome to attend. Info: Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Bo Lossiah 508-1781

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
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 (Chrystal 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 M - F 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Truck Driver/Operator
Commercial and Residential Construction Department

Carpenter’s Helper
Commercial and Residential Construction Department

Opening Date: July 18, 2018
Closing Date: August 1, 2018

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101). The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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POSITIONS OPEN

Closing Monday, July 30, 2018

1. Domestic Violence Intake Worker (3rd shift: 11:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.)
   – Domestic Violence Program – PHHS (L5 $25,830 - $32,288)
2. Office Coordinator – Tsalagi Public Health – PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
3. Staff Registered Nurse (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L13 $53,792 - $67,240)
5. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
6. Cook – Qualia Boundary HS/EHS – PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
7. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – CIPD (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
8. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)
9. Housekeeper II Heavy Duty (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Support Services (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
10. Education Program Specialist – Education – CERS (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
11. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – CERS (L9 $21,484 - $26,855)

Open Until Filled

1. Senior Auditor – Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 $58,794 - $73,493)
2. Web Application Developer – GIS – Realty (L12 $49,200 - $61,500)
3. Medical Social Worker – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L10 $41,082 - $51,353)
4. Telecommunicator (Multiple) – Public Safety Communications Center – Public Safety (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
5. VOIP Specialist – Information Technology (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
6. Patrol Officer – CIPD – Public Safety (L8 $34,112 - $42,640)
8. Detention Officer – Corrections – Public Safety (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)

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

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:

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EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Optometrist
- Dental Assistant II
- FNP/PA – Ortho
- Tribal MCO Director
- Physician – Primary Care
- Contracting Officer
- EVS Specialist
- HR Data Coordinator - Emergency Hire (2 Positions)
- Residential Technician – Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (2 Positions)
- Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (12 Positions)
- CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
- RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
- RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
- Driver/Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center
- Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
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- Cook Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
- Social Worker – Tsali Care Center
- Office Coordinator – Tsali Care Center
- Recreation Coordinator Assistant – Tsali Care Center

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

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Certified Medical Coder
- Case Management Support – Complimentary Medicine
- Case Management Support – Primary Care (2 Positions)
- Dental Assistant II
- EVS Specialist
- HR Data Coordinator - Emergency Hire (2 Positions)
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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: July 25, 2018
CLOSING DATE: August 1, 2018 At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 3
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Must be able to work well with others and the general public.

Full job description available at CHA Administrative Office 564 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 828-497-2111 (ext 216).
**Staff Opportunities Available**

Executive Assistant - Office of the Dean, Honors College
Public Safety Telecommunicator
Housekeeper 2nd Shift
Scrub Team (Two Positions)
Application Developer
Assistant Director of Student Community Engagement

**Faculty Opportunities Available**

Assistant Professor (Hospitality & Tourism, Physical Therapy, Nutrition & Dietetics)
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James E. Long, 3428 Wolletown Road, Cherokee, NC  28719. 8/9pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-050
In the Matter of the Estate of
Brandi Melaine Powers
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

Wilma Monroe, 1293 Wilson Place Rd., NE, (912)745-0067. 8/9pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-054
In the Matter of the Estate of
Myrna Dean Driver Climbingbear
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.
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Climbingbear, P.O. Box 966, Cherokee, NC  28719. 8/9pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
Roadway Paving Projects:
“CDOT RB3- 2018”
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals (NCDOT Qualified Contractors only) for paving, curb & gutter, drainage, sidewalk and pavement marking for the Rough Branch Community located upon the Qualla Boundary. Bid Proposal Deadline is August 16, 2018 at 10am.
Please be advised that all TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules and regulations shall apply to the procurement and performance of any work awarded pursuant to this advertisement.
Proposal Submission Deadline is August 2, 2018.
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Request for proposals
Museum of the Cherokee Indian
Bo Taylor, Executive Director
589 Tsali Boulevard PO Box 1599
Cherokee NC 28719
Phone: 828 497-3481 x1021
The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is requesting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to demolish and re-install all new public bathrooms in the Lobby of the Museum. All fixtures and lights must use up-to-date technology to conserve energy and water, including low flow faucets, motion activated fixtures and lights. Renovation must include all new lights, fixtures, tile, stalls, etc.
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Effective with the Aug. 16 edition, the per copy price of the Cherokee One Feather will be 75 cents. This change in pricing for the paper is the first in over two decades. Over the recent months and years, newspapers across the nation have seen a steady, slow decline in print edition sales. We, at the One Feather, are experiencing this as well. We are making this adjustment to help offset declines in print readership and to assist with increases in cost of operation. This change will not impact subscription rates for the newspaper. Thank you for your understanding and for reading the Cherokee One Feather.
CHEYENNE VETERANS:
We want to share your stories.

The Cheyenne One Feather would like to help you tell your stories through a column we call the “Veterans’ Corner”. If you or your family members would like to help you tell the Cheyenne 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 Cheyenne 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 robejump@nc-cheyenne.com and/or call 828-359-6482 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 Cheyenne.

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