

Employee Newsletter

March 2018



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Kathy Killian	3
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Sara Smith	5
Brent Burrell	6
Billy Norton	6
Christopher Berry	7
Janice Costello	7
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Peggy Graham	8
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Lindsey Pertet	10
Bill Moyer	11
Mary Lane	12
J J Wooten	12
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Paul Fry	13
Jeryl Waddy	14
Dana Allen	15
Earlene Leonard	15
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Derrick Palmer	16
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Debi Tucker	18
Alan Wildsmith	21
Jake Chapman	25
Kevin Creasman	25
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Derek Upchurch	25
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Frank Daly	30
Kim McClain	31

Ages 27 to 86

Now Would Be a Good Time

Now would be a good time to up your 401k or VALIC 457 contribution if you currently contribute to either of those, since the new tax tables went into effect and you've probably seen a small increase in your take-home pay. Because you were already used to making ends meet on what you were making, why not use the extra to save for retirement....one day.

If you are not currently contributing to either of those, you can enroll and begin contributions at any time. The lower tax rates go away in eight years, so it would be better to go ahead and try to keep your pay about the same as before the new tax rates so that when that happens, you'll have some way to increase your pay. Saving for retirement may seem like you're saving for something that is far, far away, but it will be here sooner than you think.

IF YOU APPLY FOR A LOAN

If you apply for a loan, your lender will need verification of your employment and your wages. Please have those sent to Melody Johnson at fax # 837-0194—not to your department. They just have to forward them on to me because they don't have the information necessary to complete the form.

I try to get those returned the same day I receive them, but if for some reason it hasn't been returned by the end of the next day, please send me a reminder because I may have been out of the office or it may have been lost in the daily shuffle and I haven't dug back down to it again. It's kind of crazy how much "stuff" comes in my office every day.

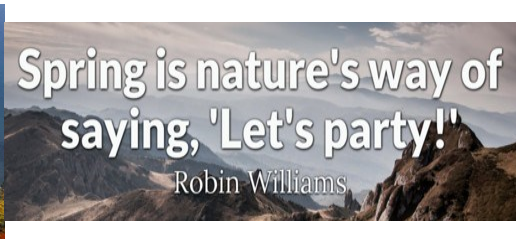
I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen. Anne Lamott

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. Doug Larson

Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come. Robert H. Schuller

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. Steve Jobs

Your attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world. Constantly color your picture gray, and your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some bright colors to the picture by including humor, and your picture begins to lighten up. Allen Klein



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS SUN-
DAY MARCH 11th

Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter?
Please email Melody at melody.johnson@cherokeeconomy-nc.gov with any suggestions . Thanks.

Commissioners' Board Meetings
March 5th 6:30 PM
March 19th 6:30 PM

FLOOD SAFETY

Turn Around Don't Drown®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.



Flood Watch vs Flood Warning—Which is Which?

What is the difference between a Flood Watch and a Flood Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

Flash Flood Warning: Take Action! A Flash Flood Warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

Flood Warning: Take Action! A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

Flood Watch: Be Prepared: A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

Flood Advisory: Be Aware: An Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

