



Employee Newsletter

AUGUST 2017

Cherokee County students return on August 28th
Classes Start at TCCC on August 16th



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

David Taylor	1
Rebecca Sterling	2
Debbie Weatherly	2
Larry Davis	3
Ally Larson	3
Mary Jo Blakely	5
Kristy Green	5
Sport Teasdale	5
Jeff Fowler	8
Steven Wiece	10
Chris Bowles	13
Jonathan King	13
Richard West	13
Gary Westmoreland	13
Cliff Melton	17
Jean Pendley	17
Jake Partin	18
Jessica Graham	19
Terry Gunn	19
Stephanie Stroupe	19
Allen Denny	20
Gurley Boggs	21
Breeze Gibson	22
Mike Mason	22
Philip Anderson	23
Jared Dills	23
Alicia Parker	24
Susan Prunier	24
Greg Barrett	25
Daunita Maennle	25
Gail Hodge	26
Woody Huskins	26
Leighsa Jones	27
Debbie McDonald	28
Becky McMullen	29
Wanda Payne	30
Karen Trhlin	30

Ages 16 to 83

Telemedicine benefit
Don't forget about the telemedicine benefit that is available to all full-time employees and their families. If you haven't yet enrolled, you may do so by visiting www.allyhealth.net/activate-account and follow the directions or call 1-888-5635-3303 and register over the phone.

August 21, Eclipse, Extra Holiday

At their board meeting, as was announced earlier this week, the Commissioners voted to close County offices on August 21st for the solar eclipse that will occur on that date. It will be treated as a holiday for payroll purposes, so if you are a full-time employee, you will record 8 hours in the holiday column on your time sheet regardless of whether you are working or not. If you are a part-time employee and have to work on that date, you will record half of your hours worked for the day in the holiday column as you would on any other holiday. Since this is normally "payroll Monday," time sheets will be due to Finance by 10 am on Tuesday, August 22nd, so be sure and get your time sheets turned in to your department in a timely manner.

County residents are encouraged to stay home and not be on the roads that date due to the high volume of traffic that is anticipated. Whatever you do, be safe and enjoy your day off and under no circumstances look up without having proper eye protection, as you can do permanent damage to your macula by looking at this without it.

Questions to ask your child's teacher

- What academic standards do you use, and what do I need to know about them?
- How will you respond if or when my child struggles in class?
- Do you focus on strengths or weaknesses?
- How do you measure academic progress?
- What are the best school or district resources that we should consider using as a family to support our child in the classroom?
- Is there technology you'd recommend that could help support my child in self-learning?
- What are the most common barriers you see to academic progress in your classroom?
- How is education changing?
- How do you see the role of the teacher in the learning process?
- How exactly is learning personalized in your classroom? In this school?
- How are assessments designed to promote learning rather than simple measurement?
- What kind of questions do you suggest that I ask my child on a daily basis about your class?
- What can I do to support literacy in my home?
- How is critical thinking used on a daily basis in your classroom?
- What am I not asking, but should be?

Q. What does a bee do when it's hot?

A. Takes off his yellow jacket...

Q. How do you make holy water?

A. Boil the hell out of it.

Q. How hot is a Los Angeles summer?

A. So hot I saw a fire hydrant chasing a pack of dogs.

Q. How do heat lamps communicate?

A. Lamppost.

Q. What did the air conditioner say to the man?

A. I'm your biggest fan.

Only one Commission Board

Meeting in August

Due to the solar eclipse and other extenuating factors, there will be only one Commission Board meeting in the month of August. It will be held on **TUESDAY**, August 15th at 6:30. Please mark your calendars accordingly if you plan to attend.

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

Board Meetings

Aug 15 6:30 pm



Total Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017

- **PLAN AHEAD FOR TRAVEL.** Increased traffic from spectators can cause congestion on the road, resulting in travel delays. Give yourself extra time to travel to and from your destination.
- **PLAN AHEAD AS YOU WOULD FOR A WINTER STORM.** Have extra food, water, and fuel in your vehicles, well in advance of August 21. Consider staying at home if road congestion becomes a significant issue. You can view the eclipse from your home if necessary.
- **BE AWARE.** Visitors to our county may not be familiar with our customs, laws, and our way of life.
- **Enjoy the eclipse at designated areas only; or, on property that owners have given you permission to occupy**
- **Stay hydrated.** August is typically a very hot month, and drinking plenty of fluids is essential.
- **View the eclipse only if you are wearing approved eyewear. Follow NASA recommendation.**