SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dillion Daniels  
Robin Caldwell  
Dora Reeves  
Tom Sullivan  
Julia Weaver  
Mark Gerbino  
Christian Wilson  
Richard Mitchell  
Eric Pace  
Bret Barber  
Harold Mashburn  
Robb Rivers  
Caleb Stiles  
James Watkins  
Trevor Lovin  
CB McKinnon  
Trudie Evans  
Danny Millsaps  
Rob Ward  
Christopher Denton  
Tim Sells  
Haley Crisp  
Darrell Decker  
Chris Bateman  
Mendy Lance  
Trey Moyer  
Jeff Scott  
Drew Payne  
Ryan Morrow  
Trista Hughes  
Tami Mileti-Rayburn  
Brandi Spiva  
Tiffany Holland

Ages 25 to 64

CONGRATULATIONS TO JERRY CLARK AT THE LANDFILL- WHO IS RETIRING OCTOBER 1 WITH 20 YEARS OF CREDITA- BLE SERVICE. BEST OF LUCK, JERRY!

SEPTEMBER 2019
HAPPY LABOR DAY!

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here’s a quick refresher of what it is and why it’s essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.
The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It’s about fair representation.
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It’s in the Constitution.
The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

It means $675 billion.
Census data determine how more than $675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community’s vital programs.

Taking part is your civic duty.
Completing the census is required: it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say “I COUNT!”

HAPPY FIRST DAY OF FALL SEPTEMBER 23RD—YAY!

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

Commissioners Board Meetings
Tuesday, Sept. 3 6:30 pm
Monday, Sept 16 6:30 pm

“Autumn... the year’s last, loveliest smile.”
- WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT
Census data are being used all around you.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Your data are confidential.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.
The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than $675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.
There are no exceptions.
The law requires the Census Bureau to keep everyone’s information confidential. By law, your responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The Census Bureau will not share an individual’s responses with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow that information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. Title 13 makes it very clear that the data we collect can only be used for statistical purposes—we cannot allow it to be used for anything else, including law enforcement.

It’s your choice: you can respond securely online, by mail, or by phone.
You will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Households that don’t respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats.
The Census Bureau takes strong precautions to keep online responses secure. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and our cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data are received, they are no longer online. From the moment the Census Bureau collects responses, our focus and legal obligation is to keep them safe.

We are committed to confidentiality.
At the U.S. Census Bureau, we are absolutely committed to keeping your responses confidential. This commitment means it is safe to provide your answers and know that they will only be used to paint a statistical portrait of our nation and communities.

Learn more about the Census Bureau’s data protection and privacy program at www.census.gov/privacy.
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
10 AM

WILL JUMP AT 1:00
LOCATION: 430 CARRIAGE LANE
MURPHY, NC

WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE RENOWNED MUSICAL GROUP,
THE TUNNEL RATS, MIND THE STEPCHILDREN, HUGHES
FAMILY AND THE ROGERS FAMILY.
FREE ADMISSION. FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE.
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month and there is so much information out there that I can’t do justice to it in one page of the newsletter, so I’m going to refer you to several links that will give you more information. Please take a few minutes and look at these. There’s some really valuable information to be had and acted on.

https://www.ready.gov/september

Week 1: Save Early for Disaster Costs

Web Resources
- Check your insurance coverage and review the Document and Insure Property guide
- Visit Floodsmart.gov to learn more about flood insurance and how to protect your home or business
- Plan financially for the possibility of disaster
- Complete an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)
- Financial Preparedness Graphics
- Financial Preparedness Graphics (Spanish)
- Flood Insurance graphics
- Flood Insurance Graphics (Spanish)

Week 2: Make a Plan

Web Resources
- Make an Emergency Plan
- Sign up for alerts and warnings in your area
- Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan
- Make and practice Your Plan graphics

Week 3: Youth Preparedness

Web Resources
- Youth Preparedness
- Ready Kids
- Sesame Street Fire Safety Program for preschool children (U.S. Fire Administration)
- Ready Wrigley (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Owley Skywarn (National Weather Service)

Week 4: Get Involved in Your Community’s Preparedness

Web Resources
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- National Safety Council
- Community Emergency Response Teams