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## Beyond a vampire tale

Dracula looks to  
bring a spectacle to  
Cherokee

**By JONAH LOSSIAH**  
One Feather Staff

An immersive experience, high-level action, and a lot of blood. This is what is being promised from the producers of *Dracula: The Failings of Men*, a show coming to the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee this weekend. Havoc Movement Company is putting on their new adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic monster's tale starting Oct. 1 and running through Oct. 31. The company was started three years ago by Jake Guinn, Jake Scott-Hodes, and Kristen Noonan and is based out

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Dracula, played by Benedetto Robinson, strikes a pose during choreography practice. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)



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**DRACULA:** Show opening Friday in Cherokee, from front page

of Atlanta. Guinn has plenty experience with the Mountainside Theatre, as he served as the lead pyrotechnician and fight director for "Unto These Hills".

"I spent many years here. So, I have deep love and familiarity with the place that made a lot of this super easy. Honestly, I would say that in bringing out something new, this space is the most comfortable place that we could do something like this," said Guinn.

He said that because of his time working at the Drama he still has a great relationship with Marina Hunley-Graham and John Tissue from the Cherokee Historical Association. He said that after some conversations with them, he knew it was the perfect spot to launch this production.

"I have walked around this space and thought about doing a show similar to this since I started here. This space is so beautiful, and I've always been interested in work that breaks the theatrical conventions of having an audience sit down and watch a show. Kind of passively engage. I want theatre that makes you feel like you are in the show. If you wanted to passively engage in something you'd watch Netflix," said Guinn.

Most of the actors have worked with each other in some form and are new to Cherokee. One that has plenty of experience in this theatre, however, is Michael Brewer. He has been performing in "Unto These Hills" for the last two years and was also in the "Sleepy Hollow Experience" in 2019. He said that he is loving his first experience working with Havoc, and that this is new type of show for him and the space.

"This one is more immersive in terms of the audience being able to be closer to us. They are not in the show as other big immersive shows can be. So, there's no pressure for the audience to interact with the actors unless they really want to. This one, though, takes you around



A practice dance and struggle scene between Lucy Westenra and Dr. Jack Seward, played by Bailey Frankenberg and Jon Meyer.

the space in its entirety. It really utilizes the beautiful amphitheater that we have in the side of the mountain here," said Brewer.

On top of the style of show, he said that the level of combat and entertainment is also really exciting.

"That's right up my alley. Making theatre more accessible for everybody I think includes spectacle, and that's what this company does well while also honoring the plot and good storytelling. A lot of the time, if you have a spectacle show, it's less focused on plot elements or the way that the story goes and the telling of it. Or vice-versa, if it's a really good plot, maybe the spectacle goes away. But this show really has both."

Darby Guinn, assistant producer and COVID consultant for Havoc, said that they are bringing in two circus-specific apparatus for the show. Along with the acrobatics, there is going to be plenty of fire and over 20 minutes of combat. She said that the original development of this play started with herself, her brother Jake, and Benedetto Robinson, a scriptwriter who is also playing Dracula in the show.

"Me, Benedetto, and Jake all sat down during the pandemic a year ago to write this script for the first time, because we were considering doing it last year. We read the original Bram Stoker novel and decided to throw out the



things we didn't really enjoy like the misogyny and weak-minded people and create this new story," said Guinn.

She said that this is Havoc's first show since the pandemic, and because of that they have been careful not to push the cast or crew. Guinn also said that she has been surprised by how well the first week of practice has gone.

"What rehearsal has showed me so far - we started on Monday - is just how absolutely brilliant every single one of these cast members is. It's a super small cast of six, and they're all just primo actors," said Guinn.

Jake Guinn said that this is a full-circle moment with his connections to Cherokee Historical Association. As the director for this show, he said that his goal is to make the experience as fun for



Dracula, played by Benedetto Robinson, practices combat in a flying harness.

the audience as it is for him and his team. He said that as confident as he is in this production, he feels they already have a huge asset that he wants to put on full display.

"How beautiful this spot is! That's a big one. The fact that we get to spend time moving through the theatre in spaces that aren't traditionally utilized for performance, folks are going to see parts of the theatre that I don't think they've ever seen before. Certainly not seen like this. Then, on top of that, they've not seen the action work that we're bringing to the show. We're flying people all over the space. We're fighting up and down, there's blood everywhere. This is a show that just has not been done here before," said Jake Guinn.

Opening night for "Dracula: The Failings of Men" is Friday, Oct. 1. Doors are open at 7 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. start time for the show. It has an expected run time of 90 minutes. Shows are currently slated for Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday for the following week-ends.

A special Halloween show is also scheduled for Oct. 31 and will feature 'two times the blood and a mask contest judged by Bailey Frankenburg', who is playing Lucy Westenra.

"It's a walking first act and a seated second act. VIP seats include seating on the stage for the second act while general admission includes seating in the first few rows. There will be seating available at each location as requested."

Tickets for the show are listed at \$20 for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and \$30 for regular tickets. VIP tickets are available for an additional \$20. They can be purchased online at <https://www.cherokeehistorical.org/dracula/>.

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# Council approves \$1.3 million land purchase in Graham County

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

**T**ribal Council approved the purchase of 32.28 acres in Graham County for the price of \$1,300,000 during a session of Council on Monday, Sept. 20. While no specific plans for the site were approved in the legislation (Res. No. 609 – 2021) on Monday, a proposal to construct a new Junaluska Museum with cultural interpretative kiosks as well as a facility to house Cherokee language programming was deemed a “priority” in an amend-

ment passed within the legislation. The land is located at 774 Tapoco Rd. in Robbinsville.

“This was passed by Lands Acquisition based solely on the investment value of the property,” Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said at the beginning of the discussion on the issue. “There have been multiple discussions on potential use...there’s a great deal of opportunity.”

He said that in addition to the cultural ideas, Chief Sneed noted that housing could also be a potential use for the site. “It essentially creates a culture and language campus, and there’s still

an opportunity for development of housing for tribal members from the Snowbird Community.”

Chief Sneed did reiterate, “There is no resolution supporting this as the plan. We just wanted to give you some ideas.”

Gil Jackson, a first language Cherokee speaker and a member of the Cherokee Speakers Council, noted, “As you know, we’re losing speakers...we don’t have a lot of time, and we’ve been looking for a building for our summer language program and after-school program for going on three years.”

He said they aren’t able to fill all of the requests for those pro-

grams due to a lack of space. “We have a lot of interest.”

Jackson, who told Council he is 70-years-old and will work with the language as long as he can, commented, “We need to get this thing going right away. It needs to start happening today.”

Angelina Jumper, Junaluska Museum cultural resources supervisor, spoke in favor of the purchase stating, “I personally feel like this is a great opportunity for the Junaluska Museum. (The late) TJ Holland and Louise Reed have spent the past 20 years keeping the Junaluska Museum afloat and the tiny building that they had



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over by his gravesite. They have done an amazing job at that, and it has given us the opportunity to build a bigger museum.”

She added, “With this opportunity, we’ll be able to put the Junaluska Museum in a bigger place where there’s more room for expansion – and, not only just have the Junaluska Museum there, but have a cultural center there for the Snowbird people and the community people to be able to come and learn about their history...the language is dying, but so is our history.”

Lori Taylor, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community, said she is not against the language and culture, but questions the planning aspect. “The gist of this is that it is unplanned again.”

She also said, “It goes back to

what we think could happen, not what we know. And, we don’t have those numbers in front of us... when we think of moving forward as a Tribe and thinking outside of the box, that’s exactly what I’m asking you guys to do.”

Later on the discussion, Taylor noted, “When you look at the reality of this land and what you think we’re going to build on it and how we think we’re going to make a profit on it, how much is it going to cost us to get there? We don’t know that. Why? Because we have no numbers.”

During the discussion on the legislation, another piece of legislation was brought up – Res. No. 600 (2021). That legislation was submitted by Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke and passed in the Tribal Council session on Thursday, Sept. 9. It has yet to be

ratified and become tribal law.

Res. No. 600 states that the Lands Acquisition Committee shall “prepare land purchase guidelines for Tribal Council approval”. Chief Sneed said during Monday’s session that he has not ratified this legislation yet, but his office has begun preparing the guidelines required.

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell made a motion to withdraw Res. No. 609 and stated, “I don’t doubt that this is a good piece of property. I don’t doubt that there might be an opportunity for an economic boost as well from this property. Tommye brought in a piece of legislation last month, that the Chief hasn’t ratified yet, to help us to identify and to justify these purchases other than based on the supposed or the idea of what could happen there.”

He added, “Overall, I think it’s a good idea. We need to do something, but I think we need to have something more concrete than what we have now.”

Rep. Saunooke seconded his motion stating that she has always asked for plans on land purchases during her 22-year career on Council.

Kim Deas, EBCI Economic Development program, answered several questions for Council during the discussion and noted, “McMillan, Pazdan, and Smith was hired to do test fits on multiple sites in Robbinsville. After visiting those multiple sites, the lake property was the best fit for the needs. The other sites had too many barriers to entry.”

She said traffic count figures, as of 2019, had a total of 4,400 vehicles going by the property daily. Deas did emphasize that nothing is set in stone yet. “These are not final designs. Everyone understands that, right? This hasn’t been bid out and they’re not final designs. So, we do not have a cost associated with those – just an idea of what it could look like.”

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said it would be a smart purchase for the Tribe no matter its usage. “This is an investment. Indian tribes are buying up property all over the United States. They’re buying their land back...Whether we put a museum there or not, if you buy it and lot it up, you’re going to double your money. Ten years from now, we could re-sell it again.”

He did add, “I think what we need to get down to is the cost to build a museum. I’m not worried about the property purchase.”

Rep. Shell’s move to withdraw was killed. Rep. Shell, Rep. Saunooke, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, and Vice Chairman David Wolfe being the only ones voting for. Voting to pass the legislation went exactly as the move to withdraw only reverse with Reps. Shell, Saunooke, French and Vice Chairman Wolfe being the only four to vote against passage.

Following the vote, Rep. Saunooke said, “I don’t think any of us are opposed to this. But, in 2002, I had a resolution that laid out all of this and it never was carried out.”

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# CCS School Board meets and says farewell to exiting members

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education held a meeting at Ruth's Chris Steak House on Monday (Sept. 20) night. The dual purpose of the meeting was to conduct business and to recognize exiting board members after the 2021 election.

Board members Karen French-Browning (Big Cove), Gloria Griffin (Birdtown), and Ike Long (Wolftown) will all be stepping away from the Board following this meeting. They will be replaced by Kristina Hyatt (Big Cove), Melanie Lambert (Birdtown), and Berdie Toineeta (Wolftown).

The meeting lasted 26 minutes. Superintendent Michael Murray and the other Board members shared their appreciation for the three exiting members. French Browning, Griffin, and Long received the following gifts from the school: a life-time Braves Pass, a personalized plaque, a Pendleton Blanket, and a Dell

XPS laptop computer. The computer had been provided to them by Cherokee Central Schools at the beginning of their term in office.

Regarding business, the Board moved to pass the consent agenda. This was done unanimously, approving the following items:

- Virginia Ann Gardner approved as Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
- Kari Read approved as an Elementary School Teacher
- Myra Smith approved as a Pathseekers Teacher Assistant at Cherokee High School.
- Ryan Sampson approved as a Volunteer JV Football Coach.

There was also one walk-in resolution that was passed. This approved Leslie Mason as an ELA teacher at CCS.

When providing general updates, Superintendent Murray and the Board stated that they will continue to monitor the situation around COVID-19 and will be holding to the current safety protocols at the school.

Student IDs were commented on again.

Murray said that there has been a hold up getting school pictures, but once that was resolved the IDs should be ready to roll out.

The Monday, Sept. 20 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 5:32 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Asst. Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; and School Board Administrator Terri Bradley all in attendance. Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper and Wolftown Tribal Council Representative Chel-sea Saunooke were absent from the meeting.

The next meeting of the School Board will take place on Monday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. Meetings are usually being held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center at CCS. Board of Education and are considered public meetings and are open to public attendance except for executive (closed) sessions.

## Clean-up event on tribal waterways to honor Long Man

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Honoring Long Man Day will be held next month in an attempt to get more people involved in land stewardship on the Qualla Boundary.

"The Cherokees have always viewed the river as 'Long Man' (gunahita asgaya) whose head lay in the mountains and the feet in the sea," said Juanita Wilson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who is the co-chair of the Nikwasi Initiative and main organizer of the event scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20. "Long Man/Person was a revered figure among the Cherokee as one who provided water

to drink, cleanliness, food, and numerous cultural rituals tied to medicine and washing away bad thoughts and sadness."

She added, "This will be much more than a river clean-up. There will be a cultural awakening and/or re-awakening."

Wilson notes that the tribal waterways must be kept clean. "That's part of our ancestral roots. We were put on this Earth which was already under natural law from our Creator (Unehlnvi) and inhabited by animals, plants, water, and trees. Our ancestors understood that the greatest law of all was sustainability."

Mike LaVoie, EBCI Natural Resources manager, commented, "The EBCI Natural Resources De-

partment is honored to be a part of this important inaugural event that strengthens the tie between Cherokee cultural values and natural resource conservation. We work daily to protect our waterways and this event will expand our efforts by empowering the community to play a larger role in keeping Cherokee's streams and rivers healthy."

Gail Lazarus is the associate director of Rivers of Southern Appalachia and the Carolinas, part of the American Rivers organization. "For nearly 50 years, the mission of American Rivers has been to protect wild rivers, restore damaged rivers and conserve clean water for people and nature. Today, this mission is more vital than

ever, and we envision a future of clean water and healthy rivers for everyone, everywhere."

She added, "We are pleased to support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Honoring Long Man with a day of learning and trash cleanup along waters this year in the southern Appalachians. Our National River Cleanup program facilitates river cleanups with information and other tools. American Rivers looks forward to celebrating and honoring our connections to rivers and each other by supporting many future years of Honoring Long Man Day cleanups."

More details, including a volunteer sign-up form, will be forthcoming from the organizers.



# Constitution vs. Charter: Article XI

## Know the difference!

### Don't we already have these rights?

These "rights" are not necessarily protected by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, according to the U.S. Supreme Court "tribal internal affairs concerning tribal members' individual rights were not covered by the Fifth Amendment." "Indian tribes were exempt from many of the constitutional protections governing the actions of state and federal governments." So, in 1968 the U.S. passed the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 which limited what tribal governments in exercising their right to self-government could do. Most of the ICRA makes many of the same protections as the Bill of Rights but it was felt that it should be described in our own document as to what protections from the tribal government are applicable for its citizens. If our Constitution does not contradict what is found in ICRA, we can establish our own protections.

### What does it mean, "establishes any religion or prefers one over any other"?

The tribe will not create any law that picks one religion over any other or sets a religion as a standard above any other or the separation of church and state. When the government sanctions a particular religion because 'this is what or how people should be worshipping', that makes a state religion. If the people in power start using their power and authority to make everyone else follow a belief system, that goes completely against the idea of freedom of religion. Religion is a personal choice and should be based on each person's belief system.

History is full of well-meaning people trying to convert or save people one way or another. But when it becomes ok by the government to force their religion on people who do not have the same beliefs it does not go well for the potential convert. Remember, this is how boarding schools were allowed to operate.

### What is a bill of attainder?

This is a law created to single out a person or a specific group of people for punishment without due process. For example, the tribe might create a law that names a family, Shmitzel, of being a detriment to the welfare of the tribe and immediately removed from Tribal lands. This is an example of a bill of attainder, since anyone with that name is guilty and removed without due process or a court hearing.

### What does ex post facto mean?

Literally, it means "from a thing done afterward". In other words, laws cannot be created to punish people after an offense has been committed. As an example, the tribe could pass a law that makes it illegal to own a blowgun. This would mean everyone who had legally bought or made their blowguns are now committing a crime, even though the law was not in effect when they purchased it.

## Proposed Constitution

### Article XI – Civil Rights

The citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in exercising the powers of self-government shall be protected as follows:

- 1. Basic Freedoms.** The Tribe shall not make or enforce any law which infringes upon religious beliefs or prohibits the free exercise thereof, nor any law which establishes any religion or prefers one over any other, make or enforce any law prohibiting the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition for redress of grievances;
- 2. Firearms.** The Tribe shall not pass any law infringing upon the right of the people to own and use firearms inconsistent with the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution;
- 3. Personal Protection.** The Tribe shall not pass any laws targeting a specific person or group of people to bypass due process, bill of attainder; or pass any laws to be applied after the fact, ex post facto.



**The Charter has no language providing basic civil rights for its citizens other than the right to vote.**

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## JV FOOTBALL

# Braves double offensive yards in 48-6 defeat of Andrews

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee JV Braves gained a total of 321 yards of offense while holding the Andrews JV Wildcats to only 161 during a game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the beautiful fall evening of Thursday, Sept. 23. The Braves took advantage of four Wildcat turnovers to take a 48-6 victory.

Cherokee amassed a whopping 283 yards on the ground and 38 in the air and held Andrews to 161 on the ground and 0 passing yards. Teddy Panther led the way for the Braves with 10 rushes for 93 yards and 1 TD followed by Javian Garcia with 7 rushes for 70 yards and 2 TDs.

Bubba Moore, Cherokee quarterback, was 4 of 8 for 38 yards and 1 INT. Jack Teesateskie was the top receiver on the night with 2 catches for 25 yards. Interesting fact – Moore's interception was short-lived as Andrews fumbled the ball back to Cherokee on the same play following the pick.

Zach Seay led the way defensively for the Braves with 4.5 tackles followed by Michell Gayosso with 4 and Branden Santiago and Garcia with 3 each. The Braves also had four fumble recoveries with Michael Randazzo, Garcia, Julius Pepion, and Seay each having one.

The first quarter was scoreless for both teams, but Cherokee blew the game wide open in the second quarter scoring 24. The first score came with 3:41 left in the half as Bubba Moore ran in from one yard out. Gayosso ran for the two-point conversion. At the 2:03 mark in the second, Josh Phillips ran for



Cherokee's Javian Garcia recovers an Andrews fumble in the first half of a game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 23. On the game, won by the Braves 48-6, Garcia scored two touchdowns and got two 2-point conversions. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

a 3-yard score followed by running for the two-point conversion. Then, with only 57 seconds left in the half, Santiago ran nine yards for the score and Niko Thompson ran for the two-point conversion. Panther opened up the second half scoring with a big 44-yard run just four minutes into the third. Christian Grant got the two-point conversion to give Cherokee a 32-0 lead.

Andrews got on the board with their only score of the game as Aguilar (#4, roster not available) ran for a 9-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion failed.

Cherokee added two more scores in the fourth quarter. At the 8:59 mark, Garcia ran 38 yards for a score and then added the two-point conversion.

He followed that up with a 2-yard run four minutes later and again ran for the two-point conversion. This rounded out the scoring in the game, and the Braves took the win 48-6.

The JV Braves host the Hayesville JV Yellow Jackets at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 30 for Homecoming Night.



Michell Gayosso runs for a two-point conversion for the Braves.





Niko Thompson (#79) barrels into the end zone for the two-point conversion following a Braves score in the second quarter.



## CROSS COUNTRY

# Cherokee runners place at Bulldog XC Meet

One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY – Members of the Cherokee High School and Middle School cross country teams traveled to Murphy High School for the Bulldog XC Meet on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 25. The following teams were represented at the meet: Andrews Middle, Carolina Mountain XC, Hayesville Middle, Hiwassee Dam, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle, Martins Creek Middle, Mountain Discovery Charter, Murphy Middle, Murphy, Nantahala, Robbinsville Middle, Robbinsville, Swain Middle, Swain Co., Tri-County Early College, and Union Co.

Following are the top seven finishers in each race plus all Cherokee finishers per [nc.milesplit.com](https://www.milesplit.com):

### Middle School Boys

- 1 – Salinas O'Malley, Andrews, 11:26.13
- 2 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 12:00.89
- 3 – Robert Turner, Murphy, 12:10.70
- 4 – Ethan Barton, Andrews, 12:32.25
- 5 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 12:41.13
- 6 – Tyler Payne, Murphy, 13:08.37
- 7 – Ross Clapsaddle, Swain, 13:23.17
- 11 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 13:47.83
- 31 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 16:08.81
- 32 – Kyrus Bell, Cherokee, 16:11.40
- 44 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 17:05.09
- 47 – Zandler Bell, Cherokee, 17:20.94
- 54 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 18:30.30
- 59 – Drake Cruz, Cherokee, 20:33.67

### Middle School Girls

- 1 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 13:23.08
- 2 – Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 13:27.51
- 3 – Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 14:06.28
- 4 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 14:06.74
- 5 – Kennedy White, Murphy, 14:06.97
- 6 – Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 14:32.65
- 7 – Emma Ashe, Hayesville, 14:34.80
- 16 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 15:31.41
- 27 – Emilee Brady, Cherokee, 16:48.53
- 32 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 17:49.26



Livia Crowe, Cherokee Middle School, took third place in the middle school girls race, with a time of 14:06.28, at the Bulldog XC Meet in Murphy on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 25. (Photo contributed)

### High School Boys

- 1 – Hunter Hartzog, Union Co., 18:16.72
- 2 – Connor Brown, Swain Co., 18:19.04
- 3 – Caleb Rice, Murphy, 18:51.17
- 4 – Jaylen Bark, Cherokee, 18:52.44
- 5 – Connor Lambert, Swain Co., 18:54.85
- 6 – Liam Cook, Murphy, 19:04.31
- 7 – Kane Jones, Swain Co., 19:04.69
- 12 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 19:31.16
- 13 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 19:33.09
- 14 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 19:33.48
- 18 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 20:15.66
- 50 – Gideon Freeman, Cherokee, 30:09.69

### High School Girls

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 20:06.61
- 2 – Ashley Shipes, Union Co., 21:59.76
- 3 – Lily Bjerkness, Swain Co., 22:18.02
- 4 – Jaylyne Esquivel, Cherokee, 22:25.48
- 5 – Hana Gregory, Union Co., 22:39.09
- 6 – Gracie Monteith, Swain Co., 22:46.71
- 7 – Amaya Hicks, Swain Co., 22:46.94
- 13 – Leilaya McMillan, Cherokee, 24:33.97
- 27 – Betty Lossiah, Cherokee, 27:23.87
- 29 – Tsuli Lossiah, Cherokee, 28:00.27
- 30 – Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 28:07.64



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# Weaving a future

Tribal member acts in  
“Reservation Dogs” and  
runs a business

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

**T**he television series “Reservation Dogs”, being shown on Hulu, has taken the world by storm and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is among the cast. Kylee



Kylee Robison, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with Mvskoke Creek heritage, is in the cast of the hit television series “Reservation Dogs” which is streaming currently on Hulu. (Photos contributed)

Robison, currently residing in Oklahoma, plays Elora Dana’s mother, Cookie, on the program which was created by Sterlin Harjo and produced by Taika Waititi.

“Reservation Dogs’ is my first ever experience working in a major production,” said Kylee. “I’ve known Sterlin Harjo for years, and he is a good friend of mine. I

was actually weaving at my kitchen table, getting ready to launch my first website when he sent a text message asking if I wanted to be in his show.”

She accepted.

“The set literally felt like walking around the Fall Festival with how many Natives were walking around – Natives doing hair, make-up, behind the camera, in front of the camera. Sterlin really did bust the door wide open for everyone.”

Kylee said that the show has increased Native representation immensely. “I think what ‘Reservation Dogs’ is doing right now is extremely important for not only the world to see Native life but also for Natives to see ourselves. That kind of representation creates an empirical view of empathy for the world but also helps heal our communities by creating conversations about mental health.”

She went on to say, “Representation is healing. We, as Native people, need to tell our own stories. My mind always goes to the children and what they see. I want them to see themselves. They deserve that and not what Hollywood has depicted of us.”

Kylee, who is both EBCI and Mvskoke Creek, is the daughter of Tonya Rogers-Parker, an EBCI tribal member, and Scott Robison, a member of the Mvskoke Creek Nation. Her grandparents are Helen “Duke” Queen-Raby and Roger Raby from the Painttown Community and Margaret Robison and the late Virgil Robison from Oklahoma.

Kylee, who plays the banjo and loves photography and cooking, is also an accomplished weaver – an art skill that she learned as a child growing up in Cherokee.

“I first started weaving at age 10, attending the first two years of cultural summer school. Louise and Butch Goings taught me everything I know about basketry. I am very thankful for them and their knowledge. It was a gift.”



Woven earrings by Robison

She moved to Okemah, Okla. with her family in the sixth grade but kept up with her weaving. “My grandma Duke kept me weaving once I moved shipping me white oak splints from Cherokee and making sure I had all the materials to create. I am extremely thankful for her.”

That love of weaving has led to Robison creating two online businesses – Root and Water where she sells Oklahoma honey-suckle earrings and woven medallion style necklaces and her Cornbread Cheeks Shop where she takes her weaving designs and turns them into woven screen print images for masks, fanny packs, totes, and wall art.

“The names of these shops are inspired by both of my grandmothers and their love,” she said. “They modeled determination, rooted in hard work, believed in me, and both make mean cornbread.”

Kylee stays quite busy with her business and her newfound interest in acting. “The notes app is my most used on my phone. Taking care of my mental health and scheduling my life in Google calendar helps me with time management.”

You can shop online for Kylee’s artwork here: <https://cornbread-cheeks.creator-spring.com> and <https://rootandwater.bigcartel.com>



# Tribal members graduate from Kituwah Ways pilot program

A completion ceremony was held for the 2021 Ḏẖsg̱y̱ Ṯg̱o̱ʼṉ Kituwah Ways pilot program participants at the Yellowhill Activity Center on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Those recognized include Landon French, Sheyahshe Littledave, Abigail Long, Michelle Long, Mariah Mahan, Melissa Smith, Ahli-Sha Stephens, Mike Thompson, Windall Toineeta, and Dr. Blythe Winchester.

The Ḏẖsg̱y̱ Ṯg̱o̱ʼṉ Kituwah Ways program is a second-tier program for alumni of the S̱g̱a̱o̱ʼṯ Ḏyugodv̱i Right Path Adult Leadership Program. This program is designed to provide more in-depth teachings on Cherokee values, cultural practices, traditional leadership knowledge, and includes an individual or small group community service project. Participants met one day every month for one year to complete the program.

In addition to recognizing the completion achievement of the Ḏẖsg̱y̱ Ṯg̱o̱ʼṉ Kituwah Ways participants, the 2022 S̱g̱a̱o̱ʼṯ Ḏyugodv̱i Right Path Adult Leadership cohort was announced. They are Tyler Blankenship, Nakoa Chiltoskie, Dre Crowe, Jais Crusenberry, Zach Goings, Kirsty Maney Herron, Hope Huskey, Chi Sawyer Shipman, Jennifer Martens, and Robert Martens.

The S̱g̱a̱o̱ʼṯ Right Path Adult Leadership program is a culturally-based leadership program that focuses on teaching leadership competencies through strengthening Cherokee identity and culture using the seven core values: group



The 2021 Kituwah Ways graduates, left to right, back row - Mike Thompson, Landon French, and Windall Toineeta; front row - Abigail Long, Michelle Long, Mariah Mahan, Melissa Smith, Ahli-Sha Stephens, and Dr. Blythe Winchester. Not pictured: Sheyahshe Littledave. (Photos courtesy of Right Path)



The 2022 Ḏyugodv̱i Right Path Adult Leadership Cohort is shown, left to right, including: Tyler Blankenship, Dre Crowe, Zach Goings, Kristy Herron, Nakoa Chiltoskie, Jais Crusenberry, Chi Shipman, Hope Huskey, Jennifer Martens, and Robert Martens.

harmony, spirituality, strong individual character, sense of place, honoring the past, educating the children, and sense of humor. Participants spend two full days per month, for one year, in the program learning from various community experts on topics such as the Cherokee relationship with the natural world, lifeways and

traditional foods, governance and leadership traditions, history and homelands, and traditional spiritual beliefs.

The Ḏẖsg̱y̱ Ṯg̱o̱ʼṉ Kituwah Ways and S̱g̱a̱o̱ʼṯ Right Path Adult Leadership Programs are programs under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute which is a department at the Cherokee Boys

Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For more information about this and other programs under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute please visit our website [www.rkli.org](http://www.rkli.org), email: [info@rkli.org](mailto:info@rkli.org), or call 359-5541.

- Submitted by Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership Specialist



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## **EBCI Extension announces garden contest winners**

The EBCI N.C. Cooperative Extension Office conducted its 2021 Annual Garden Judging Contest the second week of July this year.

“It is an enjoyable week each year for us, we get to see the hard work many of you put into growing your own food,” Ronald “Chumper” Walker, EBCI N.C. Cooperative Extension director, said in a statement. “We know the past year and a half has been difficult for many. Our office continues to stress the importance of food security. As we all have seen over those 18 months, the food supply chain is more fragile than many believed.”

Walker continued, “Worker shortages in the areas of agriculture, processing, shipping, and retail created supply issues. Increased demand with people hoarding food and supplies created increased demand on stressed supply. We encourage all our families and community members to make efforts to supplement their food needs by growing fruits, vegetables, raising chickens for eggs, and/or small-scale meat production.”

Walker addressed one possible issue. “Not all community members have land to raise a garden

or the equipment to maintain it. With this in mind, our office has and will continue to teach alternative gardening such as raised bed planting.”

Following are the 2021 winners in the various categories (contact your Community Club to receive your certificate and checks will be mailed soon):

### **Big Cove Community**

Youth Conventional: Ani Adeyah Bradley, first place

Organic 60-69: Mary Bernice Bottchenbaugh, first place

Organic 18-59: Marvin Thomas Bradley Jr., first place

Family Garden: Thomas David Bradley, first place

Conventional 18-59: Tommy Bradley, first place; Vita Nations, second place

Conventional 80-89: Sadie Bradley, first place

### **Big Y Community**

Youth Conventional: Kinley Crowe, first place; Jessilyn Tip-to-Lambert, second place; Kimbo Crowe, third place

Youth Organic: Scarlett Bradley, first place

Family Garden: Tara Reed, first place

Conventional 70-79: Charlotte George, first place

### **Birdtown Community**

Youth Conventional: Leighton George

Conventional 18-59: Tyler Ledford, first place

Conventional 60-69: Lloyd Danny Owle, first place

Conventional 70-79: Nellie Lambert Washington, first place;

Aylyne Stamper, second place

Conventional 80-89: John Haigler, first place; Bill Wolfe, second place

### **Cherokee County**

Youth Organic: Gabriel Swimmer, first place

Conventional 18-59: John Walker, first place

Conventional 60-69: Hazel Marie Nations, first place; Brenda Cook, second place

Conventional 70-79: Irene Mathis, first place; Louise Davenport, second place

### **Painttown**

Family: Dewayne Lossiah, first place

Conventional 80-89: Geraldine Thompson, first place

### **Snowbird**

Conventional 60-69: William Brown, first place

Conventional 70-79: J.C. Wachacha, first place

### **Tow String**

Conventional 18-59: Samantha Cole, first place

Family Garden: Raymond Mathews, first place

### **Wolftown**

Conventional 60-69: Barry Reed, first place

Organic 70-79: Eddie Welch, first place

# Inauguration for the Tribal Council 2021-23

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Organic 60-69: Wilson Oocumma, first place; Patricia Oocumma, second place

## Yellowhill

Conventional 60-69: William Russell Smith, first place  
Conventional 70-79: John Long, first place  
Conventional 80-89: Ella Lee Losiah, first place

## 3200 Acre Tract

Conventional 60-69: Connie Rose, first place  
Organic 70-79: Amy Walker, first place

## Cherokee Art Market shifting to virtual platform in 2021

TULSA, Okla. – As a result of the ongoing surge of the highly

contagious COVID-19 delta variant, Cherokee Nation is shifting to a virtual platform for the 16th annual Cherokee Art Market. The virtual market will run Dec. 6-17 and will feature premier Native American art from various tribal nations.

“Last year, in response to public health concerns regarding the coronavirus, we developed a concept that allowed us to continue our annual celebration of Native American art, provided an opportunity for artists to safely sell their works, and greatly expanded the reach and visibility of each artist,” said Travis Owens, director of Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism. “With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, it is important that we remain diligent in protecting our staff, artists and guests by once

again offering the Cherokee Art Market virtually to a global audience.”

The finest Native American artwork, including beadwork, pottery, paintings, basketry, sculptures, textiles and more, will be presented and available for purchase online. In addition, the virtual market will feature live cultural demonstrations and artist conversations from some of the nation’s top Native American artists.

Participating artists can showcase up to 10 items in the virtual market, with two being eligible for competition. Cash prizes will be awarded by class, including the annual Best of Show award.

The annual Cherokee Art Market, which is typically held in person at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa, first launched its virtual platform in 2020. As one of the largest Native American art shows in the state, thousands of visitors participate in the market each year.

For more information and updates on this year’s virtual market, please visit [www.CherokeeArtMarket.com](http://www.CherokeeArtMarket.com).

- Cherokee Nation release

## THANK YOU LETTER

### Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Siyo, my name is Jessica Rose Lambert. I am the daughter of Kimlyn Sneed Lambert and the late Douglas Lambert. I am from the Birdtown community, a 2014 graduate of Cherokee High School and 2017 graduate of WCU where I majored in Biology. I am currently in my third year of attending post graduate school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, earning my Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Right now my classes are rigorous and I am working

around the pandemic, but I am enjoying my studies and have recently changed my field of focus to equines. I interned this summer doing pathology research and will present my findings at the ACVP (American College of Veterinary Pathologists) Conference in October. I enjoy studying about different animal diseases and hope to focus my research on diseases and cures. I would like to personally thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship for helping with my costs of living in Raleigh and for helping to make my dream a reality. They have generously provided funding that makes it possible for graduate students like me to make ends meet while attending school. I would highly recommend all graduate students apply for the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund.

- Jessica Lambert,  
NC State Vet School Class of 2023



**VETERANS HONOR DAY**  
Friday, Oct. 8 at Ray Kinsland Stadium at Cherokee Central Schools  
Sponsored by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143

**11 a.m.** – Gates open to the public

**11:30 a.m.** – Opening Ceremony

- Presentation of Colors - Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post #143
- National Anthem - Angela Toomey
- Invocation - Sam Lambert, USN
- POW/MIA Ceremony - Jim Babcock, USA
- Welcome Message – Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed
- Guest Speaker – Bob Borka, COO, Marine Corps League
- Recognition of all veterans

**12:30 p.m.** – U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. This 24-man rifle unit performs military drill movements without any verbal cadence or commands. This platoon performs worldwide.

**1 p.m.** – Closing Ceremony

- EBCI Roll Call
- Sounding of “Taps”

**1:30 p.m.** – Retiring of Colors and Service Flags

Information provided by Post 143  
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## Good Housekeeping

### Spinach and Pasta Salad

- 1/2 package (16-ounce) penne, substitute corkscrew macaroni
- 1 bunch (about 3/4 pound) spinach
- 1 can (16- to 19-ounce) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, pitted and chopped, substitute pitted and chopped ripe olives
- 1/2 cup red-wine vinegar and oil salad dressing
- 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled

1. Prepare macaroni as label directs; drain.

2. Meanwhile, wash spinach and drain well. Into large bowl, tear spinach into bite-size pieces.

3. To serve, toss spinach with garbanzo beans, olives, salad dressing and macaroni; top with feta cheese. Serves 4.

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# Cherokee High School 2021 Homecoming Court

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Whitney Rogers, 9th grade, Big Cove Community, with her escort, Tyce Hogner



Eve Stamper, 10th grade, Birdtown Community, with her escort, Josiah Teesateskie



Jayle Creson, 10th grade, Wolftown Community, with her escort, Will Hartbarger



Destiny Siweumtewa, 11th grade, Birdtown Community, with her escort, Gage Welch



Ellise Stamper, 11th grade, Birdtown Community, with her escort, Dacian Tafoya



Donna Thompson, 12th grade, Wolf-town Community, with her escort, Lucian Davis



Emily Bradley, 12th grade, Big Cove Community, with her escort, Woody Lossiah



Makala McGaha, 12th grade, Birdtown Community (Her escort, Jordan Arkansas, is not pictured)

**Homecoming festivities will be held on Friday, Oct. 1 at Ray Kinsland Stadium during halftime of the varsity football game.**





The 2021 Cherokee High School Homecoming Court is shown at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 21. Homecoming festivities will be held on Friday, Oct. 1 at the stadium during halftime of the varsity football game. Shown, left to right, are – Jayle Creson (10th), Ellise Stamper (11th), Destiny Siweumtewa (11th), Whitney Rogers (9th), Kyanna Brady (12th), Emily Bradley (12th), Donna Thompson (12th), Makala McGaha (12th), and Eve Stamper (10th).



Kyanna Brady, 12th grade, Yellow-hill Community, with her escort, Julius Bolden



Idalis Crowe, 11th grade, with her escort, Tanis Esquivel (This photo is by Cherokee Central Schools)

## Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657  
or David McQueen 736-9572



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# Cherokee Middle School 2021 Homecoming Court

Photos by Megan Barnes/Cherokee Middle School



Eloise Frady, right, 6th grade, Big Cove Community, with her escort, Harley Maney



Eva Hill, right, 6th grade, Big Cove Community, with her escort, Kyler Hill



Keiarah Queen, right, 6th grade, Painttown Community, with her escort, Treyton Queen



Lilly Lossiah, right, 6th grade, Wolfstown Community, with her escort, Pat Hill



Chloe Cooper, right, 7th grade, Birdtown Community, with her escort, Tres Cooper



Joscelyn Stamper, right, 7th grade, Painttown Community, with her escort, Rob Stamper



Livia Crowe, right, 7th grade, Big Y Community, with her escort, Dick Crowe



Zakya Hogner, right, 7th grade, Wolfstown Community, with her escort, Aaron Hogner



Audrina Cooper, right, 8th grade, Painttown Community, with her escort, Tres Cooper

**Homecoming festivities will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 at Ray Kinsland Stadium during halftime of the JV football game.**





Mychaela Lambert, right, 8th grade, Wolfstown Community, with her escort, Dacian Tafoya



Sophia O'Kelley, right, 8th grade, Yellowhill Community, with her escort, Trevor Bernal



Yvonne Saunooke, right, 8th grade, Birdtown Community, with her escort, Jason Saunooke

# THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



SEPT. 27-OCT. 3, 2021



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Scheduled to stock the Delayed Harvest Section Oct. 8 and Oct. 12th.	Early Morning/ Late Evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rock Bass and Smallmouth Bass.	Midges, Dun Variant, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials	Griffiths Gnat, Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Stimulator, Light Cahill, Inchworms, Ants, Beetles, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Follow posted regulations. Wild Trout.	Early Morning/ Late Evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, Dun Variant, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials	Griffiths Gnat, Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Stimulator, Light Cahill, Inchworms, Ants, Beetles, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow Posted Regulations - Wild Trout	Early Morning/ Late Evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Midges, Dun Variant, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials	Griffiths Gnat, Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Stimulator, Light Cahill, Inchworms, Ants, Beetles, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman

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5:08 AM-7:08 AM 5:33 PM-7:33 PM	5:58 AM-7:58 AM 6:23 PM-8:23 PM	6:49 AM-8:49 AM 7:15 PM-9:15 PM	7:41 AM-9:41 AM 8:07 PM-10:07 PM	8:32 AM-10:32 AM 8:58 PM-10:58 PM	9:23 AM-11:23 AM 9:48 PM-11:48 PM	10:13 AM-12:13 PM 10:38 PM-12:38 AM

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## OBITUARIES ԺԻՆԻՐ

### Brian Roy Gomez

Brian Roy Gomez, 32, left this world to be with our Heavenly Father to be the “True Angel” he was on Saturday, Sept. 4.

He left behind his loving family; wife, Myra Serrano Gomez; daughter, Marian Gomez; stepchildren, Eva, and Eli Whedbee, all of Bloomfield, New Mexico; mother, Valerie Gomez of Aztec, New Mexico; father, Michael Zepeda of North Carolina; grandparents, Valentino and the late Agnes Gomez of Bloomfield; grandparents, Jose and Carol Pina of North Carolina; brothers and sister, Michael Carter, Travis Zepeda, Derrick Stewart, Anthony Stewart, and Krystal Stewart; and also, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Brian was truly loved and will be missed! Now, Brian and his Uncle Duffy will rest in peace together.

Arrangements are under the care of Farmington Funeral Home.

### Arthur Wade

Arthur Wade, 74, of Whittier, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021.

He was the son of the late Anderson and Ina Tubby Wade.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in Vietnam, and he received three Purple Hearts.

Arthur was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for over 40 years and loved mission work.

He was preceded in death by his son, Chris Jenkins and brother, Chester Wade.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Wade; three daughters, Dusty and Shawn Husky, Melissa and Joe Setzer, Jennifer and Mike York and Taelyn Hunt; grandchildren, Dagon McClure, Geoffrey

Wade, Courtney Brashear, Jesse Jenkins, Chelsea Ball, Chaise Setzer, Alyssa Huskey, Drew Huskey, Madison York, Daniel York, Brady Jenkins, Wyatt Delozier and Brianna Nash; 15 great grandchildren; sister, Laurie and Gil Breedlove; brother, Luther and Tammy Wade; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Cherokee Indian Ceremonial Grounds.

Military honors were conducted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

### Annie Welch French

Annie Welch French, age 87, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Adam and Annie Powell Welch.

She is survived by her daughter, Marissa Smith; son, Ronald French (Pat); grandsons, Swann Rattler (Amber), Jack Rattler, and Tim “Jr. Man” Smith (Kiki); granddaughter, Tianna Smith; special Nieces, Kerry Jachim and Monica Taylor; special nephew, Alfred Welch (Maybelle); and she has six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Annie was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny K. French; brothers, Frank, Wilson, John, Simpson, Russell, David, Wiggins, and Larch; sisters, Agnes, Charlotte, Margaret, Nonnie, Elsie, and Mollie; and one granddaughter, Baby Girl Rattler.

Like her sisters, Annie was a basket maker. She would demonstrate alongside her sister, Mollie, at the Fading Voices Festival in Snowbird. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was an avid bingo player.

A formal funeral service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Straight Fork Baptist Church with Brother Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial was in the Welch Family Cemetery on Gallimore.

Pallbearers were Swann Rattler, Jack Rattler, JR Smith, Sam Watty, Freelin Welch, and Alvin Swayney.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Thomas Leslie Lambert

Thomas “Tommy” Leslie Lambert, age 60, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Cherokee Indian Hospital. He is the son of the late Rev. Thomas Herman Lambert and Marilyn Goforth Lambert.

He is survived by his children, Ahli-sha (Jake) Stephens, Justin Lambert (Emma), Kayleigh Lambert, and Thomas Zachary Lambert; nine grandchildren, Brendan Lambert, Nellie Lambert, Ayanna Lambert, Ryan Lambert, Jacoby Lambert, Jaden Lambert, Lillian Bradley, Kaden Stephens, and Carter Stephens; brothers, Jim (Julie) Lambert and John Carson “Deb” Lambert; and sisters, Florence Bradley and Mia Faye Lambert. Tommy also leaves behind his best friend, Roxy, his pride and joy, who stayed by his side all the time.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was preceded by his brother, Mark Lambert, and sister, Nickole Bradley; uncle, Ronald Lambert; and, Velma Faye Davis.

After 20 years as a Firefighter for the Cherokee Indian Department, Tommy retired. “Pops”, as he was also known as, to all the kids he would help and get back on their feet. He would never let anyone sleep on the street.

The family had a visitation on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Long House

Funeral Home beginning. Following the visitation, Tommy was taken to his final resting place at Birdtown Cemetery for a graveside service with Harley Maney and Scott Chekelelee officiating.

Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Family with final arrangements.

### Lewis Wallace Sprinkle

WEAVERVILLE – Lewis Wallace Sprinkle, 52, passed from this life to his eternal home on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tenn.

Lewis was a native and long-time resident of Weaverville. Lewis lived in Johnson City for the past four years where he was caregiver for his mother. After her death, he was employed with Pro Compounding Pharmacy.

Lewis loved family, camping, cars, the beach and his dog “Harley”. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Lewis was the son of the late Don Lewis and Joyce Smith Sprinkle. He was also preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Don and Fannie Sue Sprinkle; maternal grandparents, Rev. Dock A. and Martha Bradley Smith; aunts, Glenna Roberts (Johnny) and JoAnn Marr Smith; and uncles, Joe Jones and Bob Jeans.

Lewis is survived by his brother, Kelly Sprinkle and wife, Michelle; nephew, Aden Sprinkle; niece, Addison Sprinkle; his dog “Harley”; and good friend, Carolyn Robbins.

Other surviving members are five aunts, Cindy Smith, Mary Ward (Jim), Linda Bryson (Mike), RuthAnn Jeans, and Jean Jones; three uncles, Bill Smith (Arlene), John, Dock Smith (Letha Mae);



and numerous cousins.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 18 at Flat Creek Baptist Church, 21 Flat Creek Church Road, Weaverville, with Rev Brian Hanrahan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Flat Creek Baptist Church Food Pantry.

For those who desire, condolences may be offered to the family under Mr. Sprinkle's obituary at [www.WestFamilyFuneralServices.com](http://www.WestFamilyFuneralServices.com).

### Herman Wachacha

Herman Wachacha Sr., age 67, of the Snowbird Community, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021 at Mission Hospital in Asheville after an extended illness. He was born Oct. 18, 1953 in Graham County to the late Henry Wachacha and Dinah Teesateskie Wachacha.

Herman is survived by his wife, Pamela Lakey Wachacha; children, Megan Wachacha (Jose) and Herman Wachacha Jr.; step-children, Scott Lakey (Katie), Shawn Lakey (Grey) and Stone

Lakey (Samantha); sister, Cindy Wachacha; and seven grandchildren, Elijah (Timiyah) Wachacha, Maritsa Wachacha (JayDee), Trinity Kirkpatrick, Jordan Wolfe, Tara Wolfe, Jose Martinez, and Kristian Martinez. Herman is also survived by a number of great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Herman is preceded in death by five brothers, Anderson "Andy" Wachacha, Reno Wachacha, Dempsey Jumper, Leroy Jumper, and Josh Wachacha; sisters, Marenna Locklear, Louisa Grind-

staff and Lawanda Shurtleff; two children, Lindy Wachacha and Travis Wolfe; one great grandson, Herman Luke Crowe. Herman was a fluent Cherokee speaker and a faithful member of Zion Hill Baptist Church, where he led the choir singing in both Cherokee and English.

A formal funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Little Snowbird Field. Burial followed in the Ledford Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Costa Rica youth cultural exchange applications being taken

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is currently taking applications for a youth cultural exchange program to Costa Rica in July of 2022. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.rkli.org/2021/09/01/2022-youth-cultural-exchange-program/>.

Applications are open to regional youth attending Cherokee Central, Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, and Macon County schools currently in 10th-12th grade. This is an application and interview selection process.

Selected participants are required to be fully vaccinated and willing to take a COVID-19 booster shot if recommended by the CDC or local health experts, purchase their own passport by December 2021, participate in mandatory meetings about twice a month starting in November 2021, and help with volunteer and fundraising efforts.

The trip includes learning about Cherokee culture and language to share with the indigenous peoples of Costa Rica. The itinerary includes tours of coffee and chocolate plantations, rafting, ziplining, service-learning projects, cultural exchanges, and visiting Earth University.

Levi West, Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist, is the main contact for any questions or requests for more information. Please reach out to him at 359-5543 or [levi.west@cherokeeboy-sclub.com](mailto:levi.west@cherokeeboy-sclub.com). It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm receipt once an application is submitted.

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the

Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Submitted by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

Cherokee Indian Housing Division Emergency Rental Assistance

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) application portal will open on Friday, Sept. 17 for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to apply for assistance. If you have applied and received assistance, contact Stefany Hicks at 359-8096 to update your current application if additional assistance is needed. Assistance can be provided up to 15 months.

If you have been denied and the household income has declined, submit a new application. If you live outside of the service area, your application will be activated to determine if you qualify for assistance. If you live outside of the service area or the state of North Carolina, applications will be accepted. To submit an application, log onto [ebci.com](http://ebci.com) to access the rental assistance portal.

- Cherokee Indian Housing Div.

TABCC to being accepting permit applications

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission will be accepting applications for alcohol permits once the official general election results have been certified. For questions, please call Amanda Younce or Aisha Owle 788-4261.

Cherokee Bear Harvest

The bear season is now open and will run through Dec. 31.

The following is a message from Cherokee Natural Resources, "Hunters play an essential role in collecting management informa-

tion for sustainable bear populations. However, we average about three harvest submissions per year and the numbers are not sufficient to inform our management. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow us to extract it) to determine age. Please freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, keep an eraser sized (or bigger) piece of meat frozen for us. We will also wish to collect weight, location, sex, and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). These data will help us understand how important hunting is to bears and how it keeps damage issues in check. There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information."

Submit samples and information to their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110 or email [ebcifw@gmail.com](mailto:ebcifw@gmail.com)

- Cherokee Natural Resources release

Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications

Applications for the 2022 heating season will be available at Tsali Manor on Monday, Sept. 13 via drive-thru. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

Fuel applications will be handed out at the drive-thru. Please stay in your car, and the applications will be brought out to you. They can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022. If you will be 59 1/2 by March 31, 2022, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 1/2. If you are applying for electric heating assistance, please attach a current billing statement.

The heating season ends on April 30, 2022.

If you have further question, call 359-6860.

- Tsali Manor release

# Good Housekeeping

## Slow-Cooker Chicken Tagine

This Moroccan stew features tender chicken and butternut squash whose flavors have melded with garlic, onion and rich spices in the gentle heat of the slow cooker.

- 1 medium (1 1/2-pound) butternut squash, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks
- 2 medium tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed with press
- 1 can (15- to 19-ounce) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 pounds bone-in skinless chicken thighs
- 1 box (10-ounce) plain couscous
- 1/2 cup pitted green olives

1. In 6-quart slow cooker, combine squash, tomatoes, onion, garlic, beans, broth and raisins. In cup, combine coriander, cumin, cinnamon, salt and ground black pepper. Rub spice mixture all over chicken thighs; place chicken on top of vegetable mixture. Cover slow cooker with lid and cook as manufacturer directs, on low 8 hours or on high 4 hours.

2. About 10 minutes before serving, prepare couscous as label directs.

3. To serve, fluff couscous with fork. Stir olives into chicken mixture. Serve chicken mixture over couscous. Serves 6.

• Each serving: About 545 calories, 9g total fat (2g saturated), 107mg cholesterol, 855mg sodium, 80g total carbohydrate, 10g dietary fiber, 39g protein.

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#### THE GOOD STUFF:

Faith Shuler, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a 2020 graduate of Smoky Mountain High School, took part in a White Coat Ceremony at the East Tennessee State University College of Nursing in Johnson City, Tenn. on Thursday, Sept. 23. The ceremony marked her being accepted into the program there. She is currently a sophomore at the university. (Photo by April Shuler)



#### THE GOOD STUFF:

Mandel Stephen Watty, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community, received his degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Shenandoah University of Virginia in August. He is a graduate of Cherokee High School, Southwestern Community College, and Western Carolina University. Watty is a father and works as a physical therapy supervisor at Cherokee Indian Hospital. He is known for his great motivation and perseverance to accomplish his dream. "We, his family, friends, and cousins want to congratulate Stephen and say, 'We are so proud of you!'" said his family in a statement. Watty is the son of Flora and H.J. Bradley, and the late Manuel Watty Sr. (Photo contributed)



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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

**Tribal Dispatch**  
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police  
Dept.**  
359-6600

**Tribal Fire and Rescue**  
359-6584

**Tribal EMS**  
359-6450 or 497-6402

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
497-9163

## EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line  
Dispatch**  
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for  
Tsali Manor residents and  
communal lunch attendees.  
This pass provides unlimited  
trips within the service area  
and on shopping trips.  
Out-of-town shopping trips  
are currently on hold due to  
COVID-19.

## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

**Cherokee Indian Hospital main line**  
497-9163

**Tsali Manor** - contact is Debbie West  
359-6291 or 736-3950

**HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living  
Program)** -  
contact is Stephanie Welch  
359-6638

**HIP (Home Improvement Program)** -  
contact is Cindi Squirrel  
359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,  
Supplement** - contact is Sherry Welch  
359-6290

**Heat Assistance/Emergency  
Assistance** - contact is Krisna Ashe  
359-6294 or 421-7364

**EBCI Home Health/Home Care**  
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

**EBCI Domestic Violence**  
359-6830

**EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance**  
507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

**DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center**  
497-6866

**Snowbird Senior Center main line**  
479-9145

**Tsali Manor main line**  
359-6860

**John Welch Senior Center main line**  
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel  
Delivery and Elder Mowing** -  
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612

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4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
6-	\$3,211
7-	\$3,590
8-	\$3,968

**Each additional member \$379**

***EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.***  
***Thanks from the TFDP Staff.***



# What matters to you?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

How do we know when something really matters to a person? What are the indicators that someone is truly passionate about something? We hear a lot about the “silent majority”. Is that really a thing? Do we really have a community of “take whatever comes along or what the establishment dishes out” dwellers?

We have beat this dead horse till it is now just a greasy spot - the apathetic position many of us

take when it comes to our own governance. There are many who believe, some in leadership positions, that we are too absent of mind to be involved in decisions affecting our Tribe. You doubt that? When was the last time you saw an open meeting where a subsequent closed meeting didn't take place? Government leaders are very protective of their closed sessions. They will tell you that there is information that can't be shared with the public and it is “for our own good”, because of all the bad people wanting to take our stuff. Fair enough. I will agree that

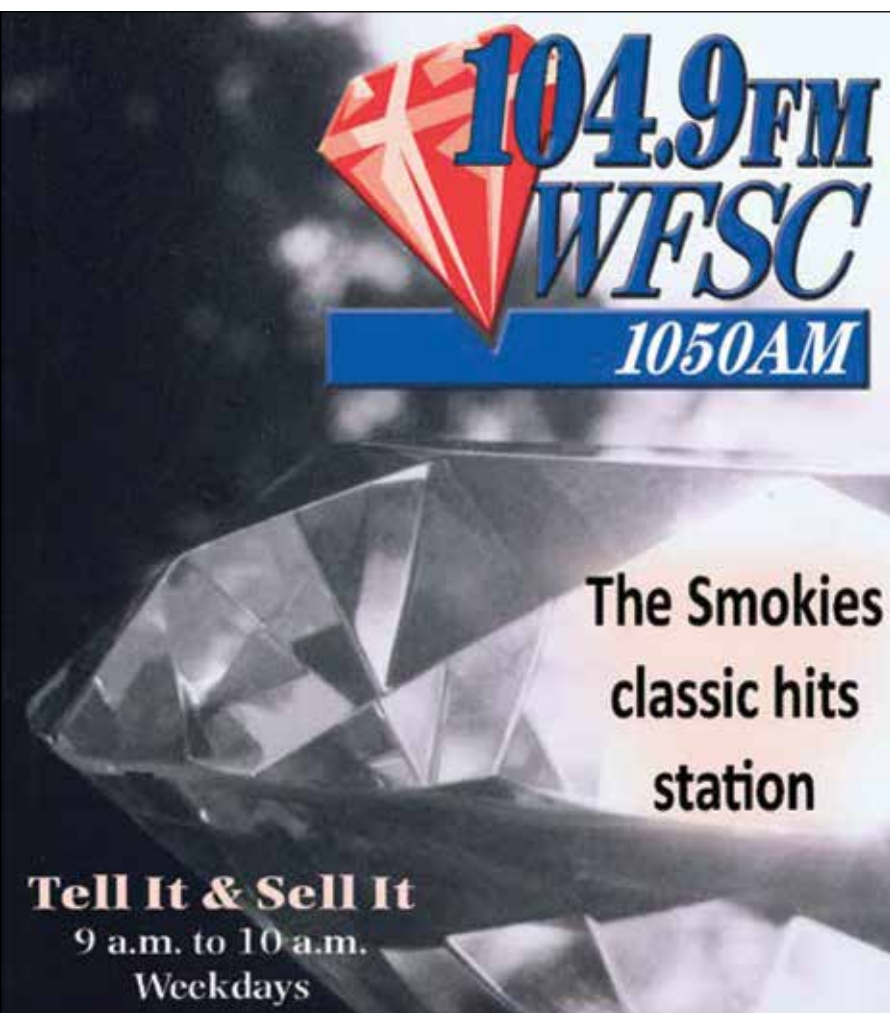
there are certain things that we need to have and hold confidential to protect our assets. But where are the checks and balances in our governing law that protect us from concealment of public information?

I am constantly amazed that meetings of the Board of Education are not attended by the public. Cherokee is a community that professes great care for their children. How and why decisions are made by the board of community members who determine the education that our children get would seem to be an important thing to a community like that. And yet, in now years of in-person coverage of school board meetings, I have yet to see a community member there who wasn't on the agenda for some school board action. No one comes as a concerned parent or citizen to oversee those who hold the future of the children in their hands. I see plenty of parents and community members at football and basketball games, but the twice-per-month school board meetings see few in attendance. Unlike Tribal Council sessions, these meetings are not televised or livestreamed, so you only see what goes on through review of the minutes or reading the report generated by the One Feather. Please notice that we end every report with a reminder to the community that the Board of Education meetings are open to the public unless they call for closed session during those meetings.

Every so often during the on-record livestream or Chero-

kee cable broadcast of the Tribal Council sessions, you will hear one of our leaders reference “that off-air meeting we had with (fill in the blank)”. These are meetings that are effectively closed sessions - meetings of Council and Executive that the public cannot attend or see their record. In fact, regarding those closed meetings, I was told by the tribal legal department that no record is kept during those closed-door meetings and it would defeat the purpose of closed meetings to do so.

Candidates during the campaign for Tribal Council were asked if they would make sure that their constituency was informed of non-confidential information shared during closed sessions, as tribal law clearly spells out (Cherokee Code Section 17-45.3.a.13) that our leaders will not withhold materials or information from the public obtained in closed session unless it is deemed private by Chapter 132 guidelines. Since there is no record, public release, or statement made by the Council body after closed sessions, should the public then assume that every word spoken in closed sessions over the past two years have been private and sensitive so that it could not be discussed with the citizenry nor the media? We know that not to be true, as some candidates said that, when they went to community club meetings, they did, in fact, share what they could from those closed sessions. A couple of candidates inferred that it didn't matter if there was ever a public record of those executive



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sessions, because after a session concluded, it would only be hours before the content, private or not, was leaked to the public and became an item of gossip in the community. Do you think that happens in our community?

Whenever a controversial issue is in front of our leadership or the community and it winds up in the Council chambers, you can almost guess who will show up to voice their opinions to power. It is usually the same five or 10 that comes to speak when any of these issues arise. Whatever anyone might say about these citizens, at least they step up and defend the privilege of being heard. I say privilege because, even though we speak of the inherent right to speak, that does not exist here on the Qualla Boundary. Our rights are summed up in the Charter,

which is our governing document. The Cherokee Code of Ordinances are privileges that our government put in place, and most may be amended or eliminated by a super-majority vote of the Council. Your rights, as we have discussed in previous commentaries, are the vote and a right to census, only one of which is currently lawfully being executed, although without a valid census, I am not sure that the elections are lawful at all, at least according to the Charter.

We have the luxury of open attendance to many of the commission, board, and Council meetings that our government holds. But few of us take advantage of that luxury. Most of us are content to wait until the paper comes out or the gossip mill gets around to telling us what they have done for us, or to us. In other municipali-

ties, even emails between elected officials and between them and their neighboring municipalities are subject to public information laws. One candidate inferred that our public records law (Chapter 132) is one of the best in the land. And yet, there is no provision in 132 for public inspection of emails of those in power. I have requested information and provisions of 132 have been used to say that it gives the right to refuse to release information to the governing body in some cases, and I would be denied information, not because it was necessarily sensitive, but simply because the language of the law gave them leeway to refuse, so they chose not to. I have requested information from leadership and have been told that, as a tribal citizen, I had a right to the information, but as a member of the

tribal press, I could not have the information for publication under provisions of 132. These instances, on top of the tactics of ignoring or neglecting emails and texts, and phoning in answers to questions instead of using email or text to avoid leaving a paper trail leads me to believe that you and I have a long way to go regarding transparency in government. These situations also speak to our lack of motivation and urgency to make meaningful change.

The battle to inform the public rages in every community. The Qualla Boundary is no exception. Good governance depends on accountability and accountability must be a public function. When it comes to the public good, we don't need rhetoric from the governance, nor the community. We need action.

# MISSING PERSON

**Grayson Coyle Male**

Missing Age: 15 Current Age: 15 years

Enrolled with the Chickasaw Nation

Height: 5' 9" Weight: 125-130 lbs

Hair: green Eyes : green

Last contact: September 17, 2021

Case created: September 18, 2021

Location: Wilson, Oklahoma  
(Carter County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: Male subject told his parents he was angry and did not want to come home, but he was safe.

If you have seen Grayson Coyle, contact Chickasaw Nation  
Lighthorse Police (580) 436-1166. Case Number: 2021-20363

Source: Namus.gov



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# Royalty have represented with style and grace despite uncertainties

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

The current royalty of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have had a roller-coaster of a ride during their now two-year reign. Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Amy West, Teen Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Haley Smith, Junior Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Nevayah Panther, and Little Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Georgia Girty have represented the Tribe with style, grace, and most of all, patience, during one of the most turbulent times in recent history.

The four ladies were crowned in October 2019 at the annual Cherokee Indian Fair. At the time, they each were looking forward to a year filled with local appearances, community events and service, and out-of-state trips to various places where they would represent the Tribe.

Well, five months into their reign the world was hit with the COVID-19 pandemic and everything changed in an instant. Along with the health concerns came event cancellations in mass. Everything was different for them, but they never complained. They never did anything but continue to represent in the way they know – with a smile.

The 2020 Cherokee Indian Fair was cancelled and it was decided in that summer to extend the ladies' reigns into another year. At the time, West told the One Feather, "I am very excited to see what the next year holds and



The EBCI Royalty is shown with other tribal royalty at the 2021 Eastern Band of Cherokee Pow Wow in July, starting second from left, Junior Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, Teen Miss Cherokee Haley Smith, Little Miss Cherokee Georgia Girty, and Miss Cherokee Amy West. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

to be able to experience this with three young women who are more like my sisters. I will continue to hold this title with integrity and represent this Tribe to the best of my abilities."

Smith noted, "This is such a rough time we are in, but coming together is one way we can overcome it."

Panther told the paper, "Although we are unsure of how things will be in the coming months, I am working to find ways to complete a few community



Little Miss Cherokee Georgia Girty welcomes the crowd to the 2021 Eastern Band of Cherokee Pow Wow in July.



service projects while adhering to the 'new normal' and following all guidelines put forth."

And, Girty told us, "I look forward to a chance to continue our reign together, share fun times, and make new memories when it is safe to do so."

Each had the chance to complain about the situation or gripe about the lack of trips during their reign, but they didn't. They never do. To them, holding a royalty position within the Tribe is about service.

Even though events for the past two years have been sparse, they have continued to serve and be present at those that they could make including the recent Cherokee Elder's Walk, Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow, Annual Kituwah Celebration, and others. In each event, they represent the Tribe in a way that truly puts the best foot forward for all 16,000 tribal members.

I take a lot of photographs each year at various events, and I much prefer taking candid shots showing true emotions rather than posed photos. Either way, in every shot I take of them they're either smiling or laughing – always happy. And, they don't have to be told to do so – this is just who they are as people and it is a great way to represent a proud people.

So, here we are again with the Cherokee Indian Fair being cancelled, but four pageants will be held with limited attendance during the first week of October. And, these four ladies will end their reigns.

Although they didn't get what some would consider the full experience of serving in these positions due to COVID-19 restrictions, they have served the Tribe in a such a way that would fill five reigns.

Good luck to the contestants



Miss Cherokee Amy West, left, does the Cherokee Bear Dance with Daniel Tramper during the Annual Kituwah Celebration on July 23, 2021.

ying for these positions. The One Feather will be there to cover the new crownings and the beginnings of four new reigns for ladies who I am sure will follow in the footsteps of Amy, Haley, Nevayah, and Georgjia and serve the Tribe in a stylish and graceful manner.



Teen Miss Cherokee Haley Smith, Junior Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, and Miss Cherokee Amy West are shown at the end of the Cherokee Elder's Walk



Teen Miss Cherokee Haley Smith, second from left, and Junior Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, second from right, are shown at the Rock Your Mocs event in Cherokee on Nov. 15, 2019 with Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, left, and his wife, Libby Ensley.



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Jesus, the way, the light, the truth

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)  
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Genesis 50; Acts 13:32-46

The Old Testament has taught many of us that God was actually introducing us to His Plan from the very beginning in the book of Genesis. Joseph was given to us, to everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike, as an example of how much God cares for mankind. He began to show all of us God's way of rescuing mankind.

With Joseph, He was making a Way where there was no visible way for any of us, as Joseph was to be a type of mankind's redeemer, sent first to the Jews. They were then to go to the rest of the nations and tell them, what they had learned from what Joseph did for his whole family and tribes and for the rest of the surviving world. Joseph understood his mission, evidenced by what he did for each of them and everyone else going through that awful famine.

Joseph forgave all of his family and showed them his forgiveness by how he cared for them and for the whole world of that day. Joseph told them of God's way. By what they had meant for evil, God was able to still bring much good to pass. Through what happened to Joseph. What Joseph had demonstrated, in spite of all that they did to him, in providing for and saving them all from famine, was the Way God was showing everyone, if they would only see it. There was no other way to be offered them unless they received it and ate of God, through Joseph had provided them.

They obviously could not have refused so great a provision, and so, they did receive it—possibly not quite wholeheartedly. Knowing within themselves, what they had done wrong, it was something that none of them could really see for themselves, yet. They were still being blinded by their own sinfulness, unable to really enjoy their reunion. Joseph had wept over their not really understanding God's total plan, that it was enough for their acceptance of God's providing a win/win situation, God's

Plan. (Gen. 50:14-26.). Imagine how God must have felt.

All they had to do was accept it as such, a gift, and move forward, enjoying all of what they were to receive. That is always the price one pays whenever one sins—it steals one's full enjoyment of the rest of their lives, if they allow it. Receive God's provision and forget the sinning, by promising never to do so again—if one can choose to do so. Looking forward, will show them how much better choosing God's Plan and provision, can really be, especially without sinning having gotten in between.

It is always best to walk with the God, Who loves you forever and always. He chooses to offer it, because He is Good. He can help one be good, too, in making the right choices from now on, which is the best way. "And now we are here to bring you this Good News," (proclaimed Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:32 NLT.)

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, the fulfillment of God's provision had come. The disciple, Luke wrote in Acts 13 of the fulfilling of the promise, made to the Jewish ancestors, which also had told them of a redeemer.

Spoken of prophetically in Psalm 2, it was considered to be about their coming Messiah,

"You are my Son. Today I have become your Father. For God had promised to raise him from the dead, not leaving him to 'rot in the grave.'"

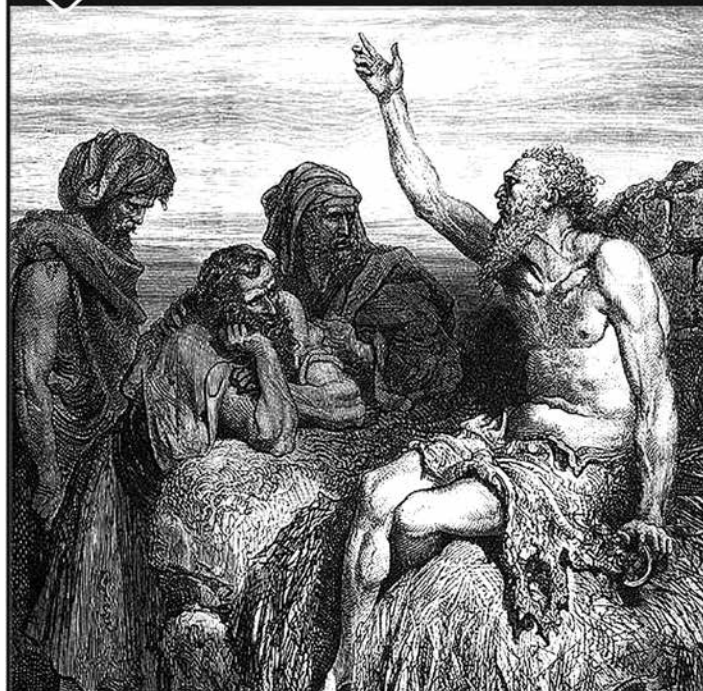
Paul and Barnabas, after Jesus' own resurrection from the dead, proclaimed, that through Jesus there is now forgiveness for sins, for Jews and for the Gentile nations alike. "Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight—something the law of Moses could never do." (Acts 13:39 NLT).

Luke writes that the real reason for Jewish hostility there at the time, was because they were jealous, so, they slandered Paul and Barnabas, arguing against whatever they were saying. God had planned for Israel to be this light (See Isaiah 49:6). Through Israel had come Jesus, the light of/for all nations according to (Luke 2:32).

This was a disturbing truth to Jewish leaders there, and, they turned away and refused to even listen. When God's Holy Spirit points out needed changes in our lives we must listen to Him. When faithfully presented by a believer, to Jews or Gentiles, all should understand, God holds only the hearer as responsible (for their decision.)



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*Behold, God is exalted  
by His power;  
who teaches like Him?  
Who has assigned Him  
His way, or who has said,  
'You have done wrong'?*

— JOB 36: 22,23 —

*Detail from "Job and his Friends"  
engraved by Regnier  
(1866) after Gustave Dore*

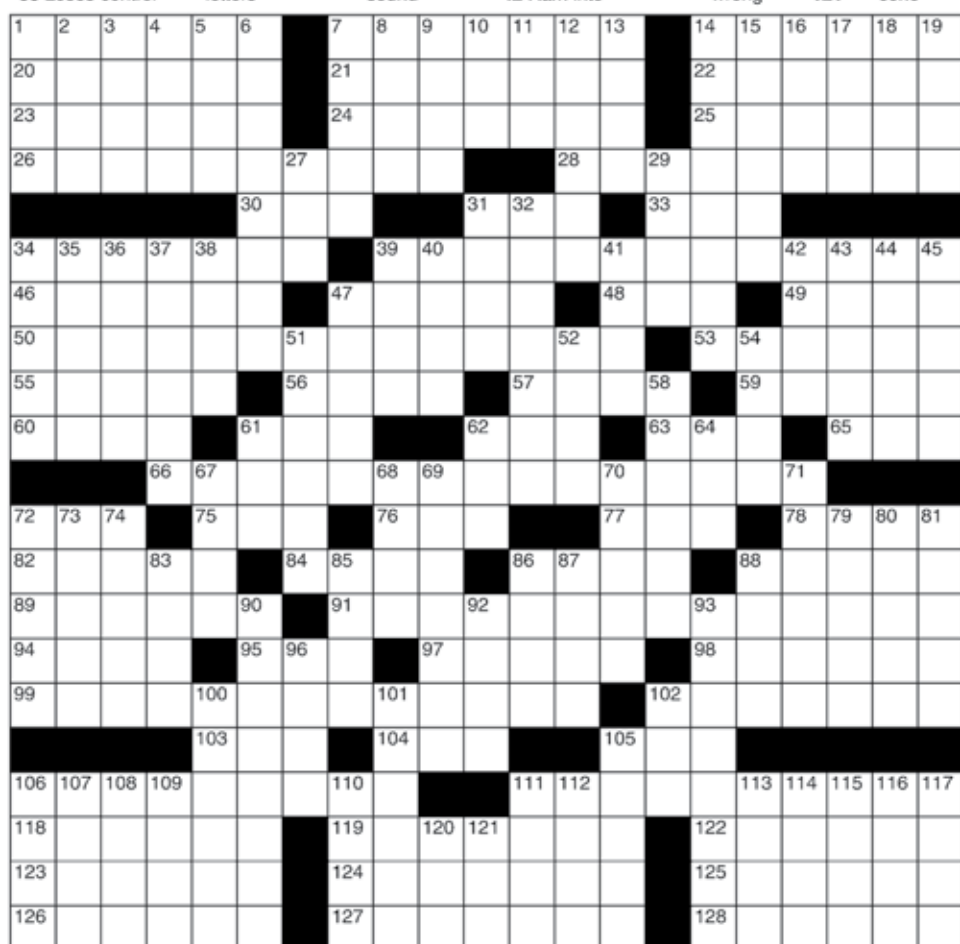
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# Super Crossword

OPENING  
FROM PAUL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Prickly plant  
7 Seaport in Argentina  
14 Aim high  
20 Musician using reeds  
21 The Who's "The Kids Are All Right"  
22 "Frozen" studio  
23 Less pudgy  
24 Bertie created by Wodehouse  
25 Piddling  
26 Like adults  
28 "Oops, I'm at fault here"  
30 — Angeles  
31 — Paulo, Brazil  
33 Hairy "Addams Family" cousin  
34 Locker-room motivator  
39 Is distressed over  
46 Declare  
47 Opposite of 60-Across, in France  
48 Pantry insect  
49 Java holders  
50 Looked like Ontario metropolis  
55 Loses control
- 56 Baba au — (alcoholic cake)  
57 Sportscastrer Albert  
59 Declare  
60 Direction of sunrise  
61 Crack pitcher  
62 Explosive stuff  
63 Actor Holm  
65 NYT staffers  
66 "You think I didn't already know that?"  
72 Put down, to a hip-hopper  
75 Hoppy brew  
76 Ltd., in the U.S.  
77 U.S. spy gp.  
78 Gelatin in petri dishes  
82 Put into effect  
84 By — of (due to)  
86 Sturdy — oak  
88 Geography class spinner  
89 Like the sky's color  
91 A long time from now  
94 Sound off  
95 Sendai sash  
97 Former U.N. chief Kofi  
98 Last Greek letters
- 99 Popular Christmas hymn  
102 Paramount  
103 Suffix for hexa-  
104 Canonized Mlle.  
105 Note below la  
106 Title song lyric followed by the first words of seven answers in this puzzle  
111 Group that had a #1 hit with 106-Across  
118 Be a pilot  
119 Gory film  
122 Most parched  
123 Small finger  
124 Exit ramp  
125 Restlessness  
126 Precipitates pellets  
127 Brings in from abroad  
128 Human
- 5 Exploiter  
6 Sauntered  
7 Grassy yards  
8 Baseball's Matty or Felipe  
9 Stage object  
10 Fleur-de- —  
11 T-man, e.g.  
12 Organized crime  
13 "Give it —"  
14 Owns, as an error  
15 Noon nap  
16 Exam for jrs.  
17 Actress Swenson  
18 Smell terrible  
19 Brontë's Jane  
27 Stir-fry pan  
29 Outward appearance  
31 Passable  
32 Fall seasons  
34 Out of style  
35 Justice Kagan  
36 Entreaties  
37 Seduces  
38 Gets older  
39 Ballet skirt  
40 Diane who hosted a longtime NPR show  
41 Actor Bert  
42 Ram into
- 43 Sound off  
44 Not married  
45 Pre-Soviet rulers  
47 Actor Milo  
51 Formed an upward curve  
52 Airport part  
54 Ditty  
58 Brand of eye drops  
61 Hole tool  
62 Mom's forte, for short  
64 Alicia of "Falcon Crest"  
67 Stable feed  
68 Fey of "Date Night"  
69 Contest hopeful  
70 Investor Carl  
71 Journalist Cronkite  
72 Messing of "Will & Grace"  
73 Relative via marriage  
74 Spa hot spot  
79 Extort from  
80 The "A" of James A. Garfield  
81 Shortstop Pee Wee  
83 Large town  
85 "Correct me — wrong"
- 86 Comic Meara  
87 Asterisk  
88 Forrest played by Tom Hanks  
90 Toasted people, e.g.  
92 Playwright William  
93 Bungled  
96 Nuptial ring  
100 "OK already!"  
101 Safe place  
102 Weep  
105 Feudal workers  
106 Flaps one's gums  
107 Demonic  
108 Trig topic  
109 Grab hold of  
110 Italian wine town  
111 Marvel hero  
112 Lift to test the weight of  
113 Obama cabineteer  
114 Arena level  
115 Meadows  
116 Gas brand in Canada  
117 Anna of "Nana"  
120 Dada artist Jean  
121 — -cone



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9			3					1
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8					1			9

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Capernaum in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
  2. From Exodus 28:39, what kind of head covering did the priest wear? *Turban, Snood, Scarf, Kalupto*
  3. The Pentateuch refers to how many of the first books of the Old Testament? *2, 3, 4, 5*
  4. From 1 Samuel 25:1 and 28:3, where was the burial place of Samuel? *Gilgal, Joppa, Corinth, Ramah*
  5. Whose harp playing caused Saul's "evil spirit" to leave him? *Solomon, Alexander, David, Haman*
  6. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of —? *Gold, Pottage, Oil, Manna*
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second largest island in the Hawaiian Islands?
2. TELEVISION: Which popular 1980s-90s sitcom featured characters named Sophia, Dorothy, Rose and Blanche?
3. HISTORY: Which country hosted the first Olympics?
4. MUSIC: How many African-American singer/songwriters have won a Grammy for Album of the Year?
5. MOVIES: Which 1990s film featured a twist contest at a restaurant called Jack Rabbit Slim's?
6. COMICS: What was the name of the Daily Planet editor in "Superman" comics?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which English chemist is credited with discovering hydrogen?
8. LITERATURE: Hamlet (Shakespeare) was the prince of which country?
9. GAMES: How thick is a puck used in the National Hockey League?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is used to hunt truffles?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 32



## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.** Oct. 16 at 3 p.m., 1st Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot, special prizes, old-fashioned turkey shoot. Oct. 23 at 3 p.m., benefit for Jackson Wolfe and family. Dinners will be sold. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

**Drive-Thru Fundraiser for Jackson Wolfe.** Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Indian Dinners with chicken, bean bread, fat back, cabbage, potatoes, dessert, and a drink for \$10. Order by text only: Vangie 788-0301, Amanda 788-0142, Amy 736-7721, or Lori 736-5828. Pre-orders accepted until Oct. 13.

### CULTURAL EVENTS

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5 p.m. - Big Cove Youth Team  
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6 p.m. - Wolftown vs Birdtown  
Thursday, Oct. 7  
5 p.m. - Wolftown vs Big Cove

6 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Birdtown

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Spectacular Shopping Bash.** Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lots of shopping, food, and fun. Lunch by Melitia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

**The Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting for October is canceled.** The genealogical research center remains open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It has been re-located to 91 Brendle Street in Bryson City.

### SPORTS EVENTS

**Smoky Streak Fun Walk, 5K/10K.** Oct. 23 at Smoky Mountain High School. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., races begin at 9 a.m. A fun walk will be around the track at the high school. Halloween costumes are welcome and encouraged. This event is being hosted by Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital. Registration is free for all participants. T-shirts will be provided to all who register and attend the event. Register for the race at, [runsignup.com/Race/NC/Sylva/SmokyStreak-toHealth](https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Sylva/SmokyStreak-toHealth)

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Cherokee Cancer Support Group** meets the first Thursday of each

month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

**Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community Church.** Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Life Recovery is a 12-Step addiction recovery program where all 12 steps are rooted in scripture and taught from a Biblical perspective. The meetings are open to anyone, and all materials will be provided. A light lunch will be provided. Info: Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

### Analenisgi class schedule Mondays

MAT  
- Early Recovery Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
- Early Recovery Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
- Early Recovery Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Peer Support  
- WRAP Live, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
- Grief Group Live, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### Tuesdays

MAT  
- Foundations Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
- Foundations Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Substance Abuse Therapy (SAT)  
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Wednesdays

MAT  
- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m.

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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6	9	3	2	8	4	5	1	7
5	2	1	9	3	7	8	4	6
8	7	4	6	5	1	3	2	9

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Turban; 3) 5; 4) Ramah; 5) David; 6) Pottage

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

1. Maui
2. "The Golden Girls"
3. Greece, in 1896
4. Ten in the history of the awards. Stevie Wonder was the first in 1974.
5. "Pulp Fiction"
6. Perry White
7. Henry Cavendish
8. Denmark
9. 1 inch
10. Pigs

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

He/she saw it.  
tsugohv

They saw it.  
tsunigohv

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.



to 2 p.m.  
 Peer Support  
 - Healthy Boundaries Live, 8:30 p.m.  
**Thursdays**  
 MAT  
 - Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 - Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 - Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Peer Support  
 - MAT Peer Support Group, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Substance Abuse Therapy  
 - SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Fridays**  
 MAT  
 - MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 - MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Peer Support  
 - Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Substance Abuse Therapy  
 - SAT Group Virtual, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**Analenisgi Circle of Support Groups.** Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., group focused on Substance Abuse. Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., group focused on Mental Health. Both groups will be located in the River-cane room located across from the Analenisgi lobby and front desk. Analenisgi is offering groups for friends and family of adult clients. These groups are focused on providing education and support to our community. Info: Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext. 7528

Community event listings are FREE of charge. Submit them to Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on our Facebook page.



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Information from  
 Wolfstown Stickball team;  
 Flyer by

**GWY ȩV° OYLC**  
 CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### VA Emergency Rooms Prep for Elderly Vets

Half of our 19.5 million veterans are over the age of 65, and they make up 45% of emergency room visits at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, according to the VA.

Seniors come with their own set of medical conditions, such as delirium, cognitive impairment and others. The VA will now address the medical concerns of our senior veterans with the creation of Geriatric Emergency Departments. The plan, in collaboration with several civilian groups, is to create accredited geriatric departments in 70 VA facilities with specifically trained teams that will cover everything from medical, social work and community resources to working with senior veterans to reduce avoidable hospital admissions.

There will be three levels of age-appropriate care, with specific education for doctors and nurses. The VA has gone to a lot of trouble to identify just what is needed in each area.

They'll do screenings to look for the risk of falling, caregiver burden, functional decline, delirium and cognitive impairment while recognizing underlying geriatric syndromes. (That's where the specialized education comes in.)

But that's just the beginning. They'll look for signs of elder abuse and overall frailty, help with pharmacy and medication (and identify inappropriate and duplicate or contraindicated medications), look into pain control, arrange for transportation home and more.

The model of care for emergency department accreditation is three pages long with no detail too small to consider. They've even thought of the need for a large font in all printed instructions, nonslip floors, handrails and big signs.

So far, 20 emergency rooms in 15 states have applied for accreditation, with 16 facilities already accredited. Ten are partially accredited. The remaining sites will likely apply for accreditation by the end of 2022.

It looks like the VA is getting started just in time. The average age of veterans is 58, with the biggest bump in the curve ages 45 to 64 years old.

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### Forward Thinking Helps Pets in Natural Disasters

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Why do people leave their pets behind when a hurricane or forest fire approaches? And what happens to the pets that survive a disaster? — *Kerry in Cincinnati*

**DEAR KERRY:** Pet owners don't intend to abandon pets to approaching danger, but it happens all too frequently: Pets get left behind when a disaster strikes.

Sometimes an owner has to leave the pet behind — rescue services prioritize human life over pets when a situation is dire. Sometimes, in the panic and confusion of gathering up things to evacuate, a pet will dart out the door. And sometimes, pets get abandoned because evacuation centers won't allow pets inside.

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when more than 100,000 pets were left to fend for themselves during and after the storm ([www.louisianaspca.org/about-us/hurricane-katrina/animal-rescue-facts/](http://www.louisianaspca.org/about-us/hurricane-katrina/animal-rescue-facts/)), pet shelters radically changed the way they manage intake and care of animals. They became more proactive. They built bigger, stronger networks with other shelters locally and nationwide, and coordinated their efforts with emergency responders. ([www.sierraclub.org/sierra/what-happens-animals-during-natural-disasters](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/what-happens-animals-during-natural-disasters)). They got better at reuniting rescued pets with owners.

Pet owners can play a direct role in helping pet rescue efforts by being proactive well before a disaster strikes. Microchip your pets and keep contact info up to date. Keep up with your pet's vaccinations and health checks. Most importantly, have your own evacuation plan that includes a "go" bag for you and for your pet. A pet's "go" bag should include an extra leash and collar, a copy of their medical and registration records, pet food, waste pickup bags or pee pads, and extra medication if they take any. Know where to evacuate and which shelters allow pets.

Send your tips, questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## FOR SALE

Long table, Eggs, Honey, Plant Nursery: 736-2911

2BR 2Bath mobile home, propane tank (100lbs) in Whittier: 352-942-9594 or 828-488-1280

Chest type freezer chest: 828-508-7358

## WANTED

Someone to do yardwork, and help with a tin roof: 352-942-9594

router table (does not need to have router with it): 863-885-1543

Push mower with big wheels on back (not self-propelled): 226-1794



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Cosmic changes create a potential for disruptions in your travel plans. In the meantime, you might want to consider shifting your focus to another area of your life that needs attention.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for beauty-loving Bovines to enjoy something special for the senses. It will restore your spirit and return you to the workaday-world ready for the next challenge.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) With your planetary ruler, Mercury, going retrograde, you might want to slow down the pace in pursuing some of your projects. Rushing things could be counterproductive.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Tensions begin to ease in those once-testy relationships. This helps create a more positive aspect all around. Expect to hear news that could lead you to rethink a recent decision.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The pace of activity that had slowed last week now begins to pick up. This is good news for Leos and Leonas who have career-building plans that need to be put into operation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Venus offers encouragement to romance-seeking Virgos who are ready to get up, get out and meet more people, one of whom could be that long-sought soul mate.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An ongoing problem with a co-worker might need to be sent to arbitration. Get all your facts together so that you have a solid base from which to make your argument.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You are usually decisive about most matters. But you might want to defer your decision-making this week until you get more facts. Someone is holding out on you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) That quiet period is ending, and a new burst of activity creates some problems at the workplace. But things are soon resolved, and everything goes back to normal.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Relationships could be either helpful or hurtful as you pursue your career goals. You might have to make some difficult choices depending on what your priorities are.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might still have some doubts about a career move that could involve a lot of travel. If so, continue to check things out until you feel secure about making a decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Love rules, as Venus continues to exercise her cosmic influence on both single and attached Pisces. New developments might cause you to change your travel plans.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You often think of others before you consider your own needs. You enjoy helping people and would make a fine teacher or caregiver.

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## Employment Opportunities

### Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time\* - Part-Time\* -  
SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$2500\*

**Job Description:** The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:  
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550  
angieh@mandaraspa.com



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-359-6388

### Closing Sunday, October 03, 2021

1. Business and Tax Specialist - Budget and Finance - Treasury (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer - Kituwah Preservation and Education Program - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
3. Human Resources Receptionist/Clerk - Employment - Human Resources (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
4. Teacher - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
5. Administrative Assistant - Heart to Heart Advocacy Program - Public Health and Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
6. Operator and Maintenance Mechanic (Multiple) - Waste Water Treatment Plant - Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
7. Driver - Transit - Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Rounds Tech/Operator - Water Treatment Plant - Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
9. Bailiff - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

### Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Detention Services - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. FT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
5. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-time) - New Kituwah Academy - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
6. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Project Monitor - Project Management - Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Homeownership/Rental Occupancy Specialist - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.





# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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 local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. 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.

**Cherokee Boys Club**  
P.O. Box 507  
Cherokee, NC 28719

## Open Until Filled

**Agelink Childcare**  
FT Lead Teacher  
FT Teacher's Aide (2)

**Snowbird Childcare**  
FT Cook

**Children's Home**  
FT Residential Counselor (3)  
PT Residential Counselor (3)

**Bus & Truck**  
FT Truck Drivers (1)  
PT School Bus Drivers (6)

**Construction & Facilities**  
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Closing Thursday, September 30, 2021**

Dentist: Dentures & Partials  
Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent  
Senior Property Control Clerk

### Open Until Filled

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering  
Billing Technician II (5 positions)  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care  
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (2 Positions)  
Cook  
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)  
Diabetes Educator  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
EVS Technician (2 Positions)  
Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)  
Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient  
PTI Physician/Hospitalist – Inpatient  
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety  
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi (Hiring Bonus)  
Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi  
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi  
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care  
Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded  
Pharmacy Technician I  
Podiatrist  
PTI Radiology Technologist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (2 Positions)  
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room  
PTI Phlebotomist  
Respiratory Therapist – 3 Emergency Hire PTI  
Senior Accountant  
Supply Warehouse Technician  
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom  
Targeted Case Manager – Residential Support

### Tsali Care Center

Cook  
Cook Aide  
CNA PTI  
Fiscal Coordinator  
Housekeeper  
License Practical Nurse (2 Positions)  
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular  
Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full - Time  
Recreation Coordinator – Emergency Hire  
Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent (2positions)  
Registered Nurse Supervisor – Part-Time Regular

### Retention Bonus Eligible Positions

Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)  
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.)



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**Harrah's**  
CHEROKEE  
VALLEY RIVER  
CASINO & HOTEL

Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](http://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**  
**If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at**  
**(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.**



## EMPLOYMENT

### Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Floor Staff – Part Time/Full Time  
Janitor – Part Time (after last show)

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. **9/29**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC  
FILE NO.: CV 21-621

John Biddix

Elsie Biddix

v.

Unknown Father

TO: Unknown Father

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is CHILD CUSTODY. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This is the 9th day of September 2021.

Jamie Arnold

Attorney for Plaintiff

EBCI Legal Assistance Office

PO Box 2280

Cherokee, NC 28719

828.359.7400

N.C.G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j)

**9/29**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-095

### In the Matter of the Estate of Louise Cabe

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

Robert Saunooke  
319 Big Cove Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**10/6**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-099

### In the Matter of the Estate of Dezman Tre Crow

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

Albert Jason Crowe  
P.O. Box 1587  
Cherokee, NC 28719 or  
Caressa Mariah Jackson  
P.O. Box 2166  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**10/13**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 18- 053

### In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Boyd Cooper

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

Clint Hyde  
4 Cooper Rd.  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**10/20**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-102

### In the Matter of the Estate of Roberta Denise Owle

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

Jose Luis Santoyo  
5 Joe Owl Drive  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**10/20**

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HAYWOOD COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN RE I.R.S.; E.W.S.  
19-JT-95; 19-JT-96

TAKE NOTICE that a petition for termination of parental rights of the minor children described above has been filed with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Haywood County, North Carolina in juvenile proceedings. The nature of the relief being sought is to terminate the paternal rights of Mikhael Mills Coolidge and Thomas Earl Scroggins of the above-described minor children. A petition seeking to terminate the paternal rights of Mikhael Mills Coolidge and Thomas Earl Scroggins to the above children has been filed bearing the docket number set forth in the above caption.

TO: Respondent Mother Mikhael Mills Coolidge and Respondent Father Thomas Earl Scroggins of minor child, I.R.S., born on April 20, 2018 in Dothan County, Alabama and minor child E.W.S., born on April 14, 2019 in Jackson County, North Carolina. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights. You are entitled to have counsel appointed by the Court if you are indigent. If you desire counsel, you should contact the Haywood County Clerk of Court, Juvenile Division, Haywood County Courthouse at (828) 454-6500, immediately to request counsel or obtain further information. This is a new case and any attorney appointed previously will only represent you provisionally unless you make an appearance in this court proceeding. The date, time, and place of the hearing will be mailed by the clerk upon your filing an answer, or thirty (30) days from the service if no answer is filed, and if your address is known. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than November 9, 2021, and upon your failure



to do so, the Petitioner, the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 29th day of September 2021.

Rachael J. Hawes, Attorney for  
Petitioner  
Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency  
157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 300  
Clyde, North Carolina 28721  
828-452-6620  
Attorney Bar# 39135  
**10/13**

**In the General Court of  
Justice in Jackson County,  
District Court** Division: File  
Number 21 JT

In the matter of Toineeta, a  
minor child for Termination of  
Parental Rights  
Petitioners: Cheryl Colleen Franks  
and Kayla Nicole Cogdill  
Respondents: Taryn Krista Elizabeth Toineeta and Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. and Any Unknown Father  
Petitioners' attorney: Shira Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee, NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044

**10/13**

**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

**Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Public Administrator. 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. Copies of Certificates and Licenses
3. Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September 30, 2021, 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@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **9/29**



Fall swept in quickly this past week. Some leaves are even beginning to turn as shown in this photo taken Sunday, Sept. 26 along the Bartram Trail near Franklin. (JO-NAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



# Euthanasia rates increase exponentially in areas where there are no viable spay/neuter programs readily available.

Spay/neuter reduces health risks for the animals themselves

**There are a number of potentially fatal health conditions and transmissible diseases that animals can contract or develop as a result of being intact and breeding; for example, pyometra, TVT, and reproductive cancers. These risks are eliminated when the animal is spayed or neutered.**

On the whole, animals who have been sterilized at an early age tend to live longer, healthier lives, potentially increasing their lifespans by an average of one to three years for dogs, and three to five years for cats.

Spay/neuter slows population growth.

**Without spay and neuter initiatives, homeless animals are often euthanized, neglected or die of disease.** Sterilization is critical for management of free-roaming dogs and cats and related disease control concerns.

When effectively delivered and combined with vaccinations, spay/neuter provides a humane and effective way to reduce the number of animals living on the streets, and improves the health of those remaining. Sterilizing community dogs and returning them to their territories on the streets allows for a natural reduction in their population over time and leaves the most socialized dogs on the streets. We have found that the public views these sterilized and vaccinated dogs (identifiable via an ear notch or other marking) more favorably and the human-dog interaction improves

Sterilizing pets prevents them from contributing to the problem of homeless or abandoned dogs and cats.

Spay/neuter curbs undesirable hormone related behaviors.

**Females no longer have a heat cycle; this eliminates the attraction and approach of unwanted attention by male dogs.**

Roaming is greatly reduced; male dogs, especially those used for security, are less likely to wander off an owner's property if they do not have the hormone drive to pursue a female in heat. This way, they can better serve as watch-dogs, may not need to be tied up, and are less likely to contract disease or suffer injury. Neutered dogs may actually be more protective, as they no longer are distracted by the temptations of breeding with females or fighting with other males.

Spraying and marking in males is reduced.

Spay/neuter is cost effective

By spaying or neutering your pet, you save the cost of caring for future litters and reduce the likelihood of your pet needing veterinary treatment for injuries occurring when roaming or fighting.



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Text courtesy of hsi.org





## LEARN THE 8 BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Eight early warning signs. These factors **indicate** an unhealthy relationship and could lead to an **unsafe situation**. These relationships are not limited to physical violence and rarely begin with physical **abuse**. Do you recognize 3 or more of the following **behaviors** in your partner? You may be involved in a potential dangerous relationship. Don't be ashamed. **Don't stay silent**. Tell some and get help!

### INTENSITY

Excessive charm, **Lying** to cover up insecurity, needing to win over your friends and family immediately, **over the top** gestures that seem too much too soon, **bombarding** you with numerous texts and emails in a short time, behaving obsessively, insisting that you get serious immediately.

### CONTROL

**Telling** you what you to wear, how to fix your hair, when to speak or what to think, showing up **uninvited** at your home/school/job, **checking** your cell phone, emails, Facebook, going through your belongings, following you, sexually coercing you or making you **feel bad** about yourself.

### SABOTAGE

Making you **miss** work, school, an interview, test or competition by starting a fight, having a **meltdown** or getting sick, breaking up with you or **hiding** your keys, wallet, text books or phone, **stealing** your belongings.

### Blame

Making you feel **guilty** and responsible for his or her behavior, blaming the world or just you for his or her **problems**, emotional manipulation, saying "this is your **fault**."

### JEALOUSY

Responding **irrationally** when you interact with other people, becoming **angry** when you speak with the opposite sex, persistently **accusing** you of flirting and/or cheating, resenting your time with friends and family or **demanding** to know private details of your life.

### ISOLATION

**Insisting** you only spend time with him or her, making you emotionally and psychologically **dependent**, preventing you from seeing your family or friends, or from going to school or work.

### CRITICISM

Calling you overweight, **ugly**, **stupid** or crazy, ridiculing your beliefs, ambitions or friends, telling you he or she is the only one who really cares about you, **brainwashing** you to feel worthless.

### ANGER

**Overreacting** to small problems, frequently losing control, violent **outbursts**, having severe mood swings, drinking or partying excessively when upset, making **threats**, picking **fights**, having a history of violent behavior and making you feel **afraid**.

The EBCI Domestic Violence Program provides a variety of services including victim advocacy, legal assistance, court accompaniment, transportation assistance, emergency shelter services 24/7, relocation services, crisis counseling, prevention education, and outreach activities. The Domestic Violence Hot line is 828-359-6830 or 800-264-9611 (also 24/7).

"8 warning signs" are provided by the Beauty Cares Foundation



## Upcoming Cherokee Choices programming

For more information on Cherokee Choices or Nurse Family Partnership check out the EBCI Public Health & Human Services website at <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/>

### Remember the Removal (RTR) Bike Ride

~1,000 mile ride from Cherokee, NC to Talequah, OK commemorating the forced removal.

For the RTR bike ride application contact Corlee Thomas-Hill at [corhill@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:corhill@ebci-nsn.gov) or visit the PHHS website at <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/>



### Cherokee Choices Yoga

Free Weekly virtual classes on Microsoft Teams

Attend 5 classes and earn a free Cherokee Yoga shirt or mindful incentive

Thursdays 12-12:45pm - Sign-up [robibail@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:robibail@ebci-nsn.gov)

Mondays 7-7:30am & 12-12:30pm - Sign-up [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

Hump Day De-stressor

Wednesdays, 3:00-3:15pm - Virtual on Microsoft Teams - Sign-up [robibail@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:robibail@ebci-nsn.gov)

### Resources for Resilience Series

Learn practical strategies to find balance and wellbeing learning about stress & trauma.

Begins October 13th \*Hybrid with virtual on Microsoft teams\*

In person spots limited to 8 people- must wear a mask & be symptom free  
7 week series \*Wednesdays\* 12-1pm These classes are free and open to everyone. Self Care Swag for all and to-go lunches for those in person attendees. Sign-ups with Shelby at [shelpark@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shelpark@ebci-nsn.gov) or 828-359-6783

### Cherokee Turkey Strut

Saturday November 20, 2021 (tentative)

Registration 10:30am - Race begins at 12pm @ Kituwah Mound  
Virtual option available

\$15 fee before October 31, \$20 after October 31

\$5 for children 12 and under and adults 60+

Register online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) starting September 1, 2021

Funds from this 5k benefit Pirouettes Dance & Cheer Academy

Contact Yolanda Saunooke at (828)359-6784 with questions

### Cherokee Choices Hiking Club

October 9, October 16, November 6, November 13 8am --- sign up for all four, or individual days. All hikes will be local, moderate difficulty, transportation is available if requested in advance (limited space) 16 and under MUST be with an adult. Must wear mask & distance. To sign up: [corhill@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:corhill@ebci-nsn.gov) Call 828-359-6788 Text 828-788-6092

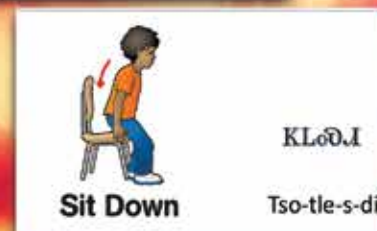
### Nurse Family Partnership

A FREE program for expectant mothers (must be less than 28 weeks of pregnancy & meet eligibility requirements)

Get support and information needed throughout pregnancy and after you have your baby with your own person nurse!

Call: (828)359-6250 Text: (828)788-4401, [robibail@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:robibail@ebci-nsn.gov)

### Cherokee Language



1 in 8 women  
will be diagnosed with breast cancer.



The other 7 will worry about it.

But you can reduce your risk in  
4 simple steps.

Learn how at

[LetsBeatBreastCancer.org](http://LetsBeatBreastCancer.org)

### Boo-nanas

#### Ingredients:

6 Large Bananas

12 Popsicle Sticks

2 cups Low-fat Vanilla Yogurt

Mini Chocolate Chips

#### Directions

1. Cut each banana in half so you end up with 12 smaller banana pieces total.
2. Insert a popsicle stick into each banana piece
3. Place wax paper onto baking sheet and place bananas on sheet. Put into freezer for 30 minutes to 1 hour or until frozen.
4. Stir vanilla yogurt until it is smooth and mixed well.
5. Take frozen bananas out of the freezer and dip each one into the vanilla yogurt until coated completely.
6. Place chocolate chips to make a face on each banana
7. Place yogurt covered bananas back on the baking sheet and freeze for 1 more hour or until set