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**WATER:** Mold and water issues found at Cherokee Central Schools, *from front page*

be delayed several months at least.

Chris Greene, manager of Project Management, said it was the workers from Vannoy that first spotted the issues. Vannoy is the general contractor for this project.

"They were walking through the offices because they're (about) to demo the old admin offices, that's part of the remodel. They're doing that and adding classrooms and everything over there. When they started going through their demo phase, they're walking around the exterior walls, and they saw mold coming through the dry wall at the bottom. You could see where there had been moisture at some point along the way."

Greene knew they needed outside help to assess the damage and to see how to move forward.

"Of course, you've got to figure out what the source of it is. That's where you get with Terracon. That's one of their specialties, finding moisture intrusion and what causes it. Terracon is a big engineering firm, and they do other things, but that's really their niche," said

Greene.

Superintendent Michael Murray said that this has been a major blow to the project, but he wants to address the issue with a clear mind.

"We've had to stop [Vannoy]. Didn't want to stop them. We were on track really well during COVID. I felt like we didn't have a choice but to stop them. They have agreed to hold the price that they had negotiated if we can get them back by summer. So, that's why there's urgency," said Murray.

Murray said that it's time to bring in stakeholders and make sure that everyone understands the significance of the issues at hand.

"Everybody knows when you remodel, you're going to run into some things, but not to the extent that we ran into".

He said that he's hoping that working with a third-party firm for this assessment and repair could offer a couple of things.

"One, look at the parts that we're building as part of that expansion project. The PNR areas are the areas that we're expanding first. Like the central office. Tell us what we need to do. Why is the water barrier failing? What can

we do to repair it? What extent is it going to be before we can get it back to Vannoy?"

The other aspect brings a much bigger question mark.

"Let's go ahead and look at the rest of the building. Because we've had areas where there have been concerns about leaking from day one. The knuckle areas. We've had BIE look at it, we've had other people look at it. They've always had a damp feel to them. So, we want all those areas looked at and we're going to make sure we repair everything as we move forward and approach Tribal Council with funding."

Terracon offered a rough initial estimate to the school that works in a tiered approach. The total estimate capped at just over \$200,000, with a fraction of that to start the surveying. Chris Greene said that these are truly base estimates, and there is not yet a gauge on how much this will actually cost or how long it will take at this time. It all depends on the extent of the damage

"I can't tell you a timeline until we know what exactly is going on, what it's going to take to repair it so we can get a cost to repair it, and then getting the funding to have it repaired," said Greene.

Murray said that he's not excited to know how much that bill will be.

"I don't think anybody, when they look at that, thinks it's not going to be bad. It's the extent of how bad it's going to be. I can't think of a better place to be. Because we have more support from Tribal Council and others than any other system ever had."

He also mentioned that they will be seeking any other forms of funding they can.

"We're also going through BIE to see if we can claim something



there. We're also looking at our insurance to see if we can claim that. The Boys Club is our agent, so the Boys Club is working on that aspect of it. There may be opportunities to seize other funding. The state of North Carolina doesn't fund our school, so I won't be receiving state funding. But BIE is looking at it and they can produce funds. But for the majority of our funding, especially timely funding, we will need to approach Tribal Council," said Murray.

Murray mentioned that insurance can be very tricky. This was not a single flood incident, so flood insurance is off the table. He said that there is fine print that excludes coverage for mold damage as well.

"The one thing that is covered is structural damage. Something - and I'm hoping the third-party company can let us know what it is - failed. Whether it was the

water barrier. Whatever is causing the water intrusion, to me, will be structural. When that happens, and we get that proved, that's what I think the insurance company should be able to reimburse us for the structural failure of this building."

Superintendent Murray said that fixing the problem is the priority. He said legal action could be needed at some point, but he's focused on getting the process started.

"It's not right that we are 12 years into a building and we're looking at this kind of damage. I keep being asked, does that mean litigation? We're trying our best to get out of this ditch first. But we are also not happy that we have a 12-year-old building that's in this ditch. I'm not playing that down; I'm just saying we don't want to focus on that until we get through to see what's actually happened."

Greene and Murray said that they were hoping that the CCS expansion and remodel could have been completed by summer. Now, this mold problem could delay that by half a year.

"The pandemic is one thing. I was pretty proud of everyone working with us with the masks, doing all the things to stay safe with the pandemic. Then, we get this close to finishing up with the last phase [of construction], and to find something like this is very disturbing and disappointing," said Murray.

"But we're also committed to making sure we're good stewards of money and we're going to make sure that we get something that our children and our community will be proud of and that we can have years of service out of. We're determined to move forward in a progressive manner with this."



# Cherokee Indian Police Dept. receives AMBER Alert toolkit

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Stakeholders from across North Carolina and beyond were present on Tuesday, March 22 to see the Cherokee Indian Police Department presented with an AMBER Alert toolkit.

This award comes as part of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) Initiative. It looks to get the proper tools in the hands of Tribal officers and programs. These distributions are directly tied to facilitating the Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act. Ashlynne Mike was an 11-year-old who was abducted and murdered in 2016. A lack of available resource in the Navajo Nation meant that an AMBER alert was not issued for 13 hours.

Tyesha Wood is the AIIC Project Coordinator, and she made the trip to Cherokee to present the toolkit. She said that the situation with Ashlynne was exactly why they needed to visit communities in-person.

“So that another incident will not happen like what happened with Ashlynne Mike. She never returned home. It is from what happened with our tragedies is what we’re able to do here today. To visit with communities and hear their stories. Provide whatever resources we have available. Whether it’s training. Whether it’s just introducing tribal communities to the state AMBER Alert program. That, to me, is success,” said Wood.

Janell Rasmussen, administrator of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP), was another stakeholder that came to Cherokee from out-of-state. She pointed to



Tyesha Wood (left), AIIC Project Coordinator, and Nona Best (right), director of the N.C. Center for Missing Persons, walk through the AMBER Alert toolkit that was presented to the Cherokee Indian Police Department on Tuesday, March 22. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

the coordination that the Tribe already has with North Carolina and encouraged both entities that they were ahead of the game. Multiple speakers mentioned the relationship between CIPD Office Administrator Alica Wildcatt and Director of the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons Nona Best, who also made the trip for the event.

“It’s unusual to see such a phenomenal partnership between a state agency and a Tribe and to see the great work that is being done here in North Carolina,” said Rasmussen.

This idea was reiterated by Wood, who discussed how difficult it is to balance the specific issues that lie with each Tribe.

“The reality of this program is that it’s important that we meet and come to traditional homelands, to your community, to understand the dynamics. To understand the culture. To under-

stand those challenges first-hand. Whether it be internet capability, like broadband access. Whether it’s communication. The relationship that Alica and Nona have is unique, being that they established this partnership well before the AMBER Alert Indian Country Act was formed.”

Wood said that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is one of the first tribes to receive this toolkit. She said that any federally recognized tribe is eligible to apply for one of these kits, but that they only have the funding for 150 at this time.

Each kit consists of the following items:

- Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computer
- Pelican Protector Case
- Headset
- Webcam
- Document Scanner
- Digital Camera
- Flash Memory Card

- Camera Battery
- Camera Case
- HDMI Cable with Ethernet.

This event brought together the CIPD, N.C. Center of Missing Persons, AIIC, AATTAP, and the NC Highway Patrol. Each speaker touched how important it would be to maintain communication across these entities to ensure safety for Cherokee children.

“This is a very special time for the Qualla Boundary and the state of North Carolina. It is important for all of us what the Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act has been able to accomplish to close the gap in assistance needed when a child is missing,” said Best. “This toolkit will ensure that if a child goes missing, the most effective, efficient, and quickest response will be in the hands of the Cherokee Police Department and the AMBER Alert Coordinator.”

Cherokee Chief of Police Josh Taylor mentioned the coordination needed for this project on multiple occasions. He insisted that credit be offered to Alica Wildcatt and the job she has done with Best. The idea that he says he wishes to push moving forward is ‘one team, one fight’.

“It’s so nice to hear someone talk about Indian Country,” said Chief Taylor. “Because we do have our own judicial system. We have our own law enforcement agency. We have our own government. It’s nice to hear somebody touch on that. But, it’s even nicer to sit here with the Highway Patrol, who’s the best of the best in North Carolina, and the Cherokee Indian Police Department, who’s setting the standard in tribal law enforcement - working together.”



Colton Crowe, left, was presented with the American Legion Heroism Award during a ceremony at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 on the evening of Monday, March 21. He is shown receiving a Post 143 Challenge Coin during the ceremony from Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer. Crowe, age 10, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a fifth grader at Cherokee Elementary School, saved his brother in a daring cold water rescue in Soco Creek in February. In addition to the medal, Colton was given a U.S. flag, a beaded necklace, a Golden Eagle feather, an American Legion Certificate of Meritorious Service, and the Post 143 Challenge Coin. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Colton is shown with his mother, left, Kayla Crowe, during Monday's honoring.

To read the full story of Colton Crowe's heroics, visit:

<https://theonefeather.com/2022/02/11/chokeee-boy-saves-brother-in-daring-water-rescue/> or read the article on pages 1-2 of the Feb. 16 print issue.



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Big Cove Comm Club: 3/8 at 5pm  
Big Y Comm Club: 3/15 at 5pm  
Towstring Comm Club: 3/21 at 5pm  
Yellowhill Comm Club: 3/28 at 5pm  
Tsali Manor Senior Ctr: 4/5 at 10:30am  
Wolftown Comm Club: 4/11 at 5pm  
Painttown Gym: 4/13 at 5pm  
Birdtown Gym: 4/27 at 5pm

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## Woman reported as missing; believed to be camping in Cherokee

Tonya Tolliver is described as a white female, approximately 5 feet 6 inches, approximately 230 pounds with brown hair, green eyes, and two bottom lip piercings.

On Monday, March 14, at approximately 11:30 p.m., officers with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) responded to a disturbance call at a gravel parking lot near Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. During that time, CIPD officers had an interaction with Tonya and her husband, Tracy Tolliver.

Since the disturbance, Tonya's family has not heard from her, and her cell phone has been turned off. Both Tonya and her husband are believed to be camping in Cherokee and have no known mode of transportation. Tonya was reported missing to CIPD on Thursday, March 24.

If you have any information about Tonya's whereabouts, please contact Detective Jesse Ramirez at Cherokee Police Department 359-6633 or EBCI Public Safety Communications Center 497-4131.

- CIPD release

## Weaverville man sentenced in fentanyl death

A Weaverville man was sentenced recently in Haywood County Superior Court for the death of Keven Doan, a 25-year-old who overdosed on fentanyl, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said.

Doan lived in Weaverville with his mother, but was staying in Waynesville for a couple of weeks to help with his father's construction business.

On July 19, 2019, Joshua Vincent Bass, 37, drove to Waynesville and sold Doan a lethal mixture of

fentanyl and 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidinem (ANPP), the immediate precursor in the illicit manufacture of fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic drug that is so potent it can be fatal.

District Attorney Welch pushed for and helped craft the state's Death by Distribution Act. It was enacted Dec. 1, 2019, with bipartisan support.

"We created this new charge to allow us to prosecute people who are dealing death," Welch said. "Mr. Bass' case is a perfect example of the intended targets of the Death by Distribution Act: major drug dealers."

Superior Court Judge Daniel A. Kuehnert sentenced Bass to serve 124-161 months in the Division of Adult Corrections.

### Telling Keven's story

For Doan's family, this was the final stop in their long judicial quest to find a measure of justice.

Though the legal journey has now ended, Zachary-Doan said the family's search for greater meaning in Keven's death will continue.

"How do you take something so tragic and use it to help or possibly prevent a similar situation?

Keven had a contagious laugh and such a giving heart. He would want somehow to help others if they were in our shoes," she said.

"I still don't know what that greater good might be. But I do know this family – me, his father (Barry Doan) and mother (Belinda Doan) – 100-percent support the death-by-distribution law. We also hope that this case sends a loud message that peddling fentanyl and other drugs that will kill someone will not be tolerated in our county."

People sometimes find themselves at a loss when navigating the justice system, Zachary-Doan said.

"I want them to know, the district attorney's office was with us every step of the way, particularly Assistant District Attorney Jeff Jones," she said. "We are so grateful for the DA office's support, law enforcement's support and that of the community."

"We hope that this case empowers families of other victims who have died to be patient and to know that there is justice. The walk through the process can sometimes be painful, slow and tireless, but you won't go through it alone."

### Saving others

On July 20, 2019, Zachary-Doan and her husband went to hear her son, who is a musician, perform at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

They arrived home at about 1 a.m. Barry Doan found Keven, his son, dead in the downstairs bathroom.

Haywood County Sheriff's Office detectives collected a partially loaded syringe from the bathroom sink of the Waynesville home.

There was a red needle mark on Keven Doan's arm.

A medical examiner said that Doan had died from acute fentanyl toxicity. Law enforcement officers used phone texts and social media to trace the fentanyl to Bass. They believe he met Doan at a Weaverville service station where, at the time, Doan was working.

Barry Doan said his son didn't stand a chance. "If the flow of these drugs don't stop, then others will suffer the same fate as Keven," he said.

Keven Doan's mother said that she believes even in death her son can help others combat illegal drug use.

"He was always willing to help any and everyone," Belinda Doan said.

### Tragic consequences

District Attorney Welch said people don't necessarily understand or sympathize with how quickly a person can become addicted to opiate pills, only to switch to illegal substances after their legal supply dries up.

"This kid put a needle in his arm one time, and he hardly had the opportunity to get the needle out of his arm before it stopped his heart," she said. "That is tragic."

Like North Carolina, the federal government and at least 19 other states impose harsher penalties on people found guilty of distributing controlled substances that result in someone's death.

Prior to the Death by Distribution Act, prosecutors had to seek a second-degree murder conviction with the stipulation they could prove intent to do harm.

Drug dealers still can be charged with second-degree murder, as was Bass; however, prosecutors are not required to prove the seller acted with malice.

"It gives us another tool in our toolbox when going after people who are dealing drugs," Welch said. "If you are dealing deadly substances you ought to be held responsible if someone dies."

Nearly 4,000 people in North Carolina died of suspected overdoses in 2021, a 26 percent increase from the previous year, according to recent state data.

- 43rd Prosecutorial District release

## CIPD Arrest Report for March 13-20

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only*

*been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.*

Bird, Jonna Lynn – age 34  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: March 17  
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (two counts)

Darling, Steven R. – age 47  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: March 14  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Hicks, Zane – age 29  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: March 14  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Michael – age 61  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rattler, Cornelia Iona – age 24  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Ross, John Robert – age 34  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 29  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: March 15

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor  
  
Wooten, Dillon Hawk – age 26  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: March 16  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Esquivel, Samuel Eason – age 21  
Arrested: March 17  
Released: March 17  
Charges: Weapons Offense

Hoyt, Sarah Ann – age 31  
Arrested: March 17  
Released: March 18  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Lobetti, Chase Ballew – age 47  
Arrested: March 17  
Released: March 17  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Toineeta, James – age 63  
Arrested: March 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ward, Charles Dewayne – age 55  
Arrested: March 17  
Released: March 17  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Bradley, Evard Lamar – age 42  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: False Pretenses, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Sequoyah Jr., Gary Len – age 38

Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Young, Tansi Elaine – age 41  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Decoteau, Mary Lynn – age 27  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Disorderly Conduct

Huskey, Jordan Dominic – age 22  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Maney, Richard Guy – age 26  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 21)  
Charges: Public Intoxication

Sampson, Cameron Dante – age 18  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old

Driver, Norma Kay – age 47  
Arrested: March 20  
Released: March 20  
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

## MISSING PERSON

### James Earl Richmond

Male Age: 33

Enrolled with the Navajo Nation

Height: 5'4"-5'5" Weight: 160-165 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: February 26, 2022

Circumstances of Disappearance: James was last known to be in Lukachukai, Arizona. Witnesses stated he might have left in a black truck. His second toe is longer than all the other toes, both sides. Both ear piercings with no earrings. Burn scar beside his right eye (dark mark), about an inch in diameter. He has a tattoo on his left chest "Alicia" in cursive, tattoo on right hand "Nevaeh Richmond", right arm is a skull (vampire skull), left arm is a tattoo of skull with feather. He has a mole on his right cheek (pea size). He did not have a shirt on, blue jeans. Had on brown work boots with steel toe with shoe strings. Hair was short, front of forehead hairline shape of an "M"; mustache, side burn, goat tee.

If you have seen James Richmond, contact the Navajo Nation Police Department-Chinle District (928) 674-2000. Case #05-22-005998.

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## TRACK & FIELD

### Cherokee

#### Middle participates in Swain-hosted meet

##### One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee Middle School track and field team participated in a meet, hosted by Swain Co. Middle School, at the Cherokee High School track on the afternoon of Monday, March 21. The following schools competed: Andrews Middle, Bethel Christian Academy, Cherokee Middle, Martins Creek Middle, and Swain Co. Middle. Following are results of all CMS participants, per [nc.milesplit.com](http://nc.milesplit.com):

##### Girls

###### 100M Dash

8 – Deanna Long 16.14  
10 – Khloe Cucumber 16.54  
12 – Roxy Solis 16.74  
13 – Anie Mora 16.94  
17 – Elizabeth Myers 19.04

###### 200M Dash

11 – Deanna Long 35.94  
12 – Khloe Cucumber 36.74  
13 – Roxy Solis 37.04  
14 – Anie Mora 38.14  
16 – Elizabeth Myers 41.24

###### 400M Dash

4 – Maya Brabham 1:21.24

###### 800M Run

3 – Yvonne Saunooke 3:02  
12 – Keysa Ann Collins 3:26  
14 – Audrina Cooper 3:29  
15 – Laylah Thompson 3:34  
16 – Kiera Toineeta 3:37

###### 1600M Run

3 – Yvonne Saunooke 6:33  
11 – Kaidyn Walkingstick 8:22

###### 4x100M Relay

4 – Cherokee team 1:08.14

###### 4x200M Relay

2 – Cherokee team 2:23.40

###### 4x400M Relay

2 – Cherokee team 5:41

###### 4x800M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 13:27

###### Discus

6 – Laylah Thompson 48-7  
7 – Lily Pheasant 44-11  
8 – Annie Trampler 42-1  
9 – Ava Walkingstick 41-11  
11 – Briane Teesateskie 40-2

###### Shot Put

3 – Mia Lane 23-4  
4 – Laylah Thompson 23-3  
7 – Briane Teesateskie 20-0  
9 – Lily Pheasant 19-0  
11 – Ava Walkingstick 17-2

##### Boys

###### 100M Dash

5 – Kyitan Johnson 13.74  
8 – Utsela Saunooke 15.64  
9 – Kaden Stephens 15.64

###### 200M Dash

7 – Utsela Saunooke 33.34  
8 – Kaden Stephens 34.94

###### 400M Dash

3 – Samuel Hernandez 1:04.44

###### 800M Run

2 – Ogana Swimmer 2:23.00  
9 – William Welch 3:10.70

###### 1600M Run

3 – Tayvin Bark 5:43

###### 4x100M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 56.84

###### 4x800M Relay

2 – Cherokee team 11:34

###### Long Jump

2 – Kyitan Johnson 15-1  
3 – Samule Hernandez 14-7.5

###### Triple Jump

2 – Ogana Swimmer 32-1.5

###### Discus

6 – Zaynon Taylor 85-8  
9 – Christian Grant 70-6  
10 – Jayden Trampler 70-2  
11 – Reginold Hyatt 65-3

###### Shot Put

1 – Jayden Trampler 32-0

4 – Zaynon Taylor 30-0

10 – Reginold Hyatt 24-4

## TRACK & FIELD

### Cherokee participates in Robbinsville meet

##### One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee High School (CHS) track and field team traveled to Robbinsville High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 23 to participate in a four-school meet along with Swain Co. and Hayesville. Following are results, per [nc.milesplit.com](http://nc.milesplit.com), of all of CHS's participants:

##### Girls

###### 100M Dash

4 – Leilaya McMillan 14.35  
7 – Awee Walkingstick 15.50

###### 200M Dash

3 – Leilaya McMillan 29.38  
9 – Awee Walkingstick 32.34

###### 800M Run

3 – Letsi Burgos 2:58.97  
6 – Betty Lossiah 3:25.68

###### 3200M Run

2 – Jaylynne Esquivel 13:59.78

###### 100M Hurdles

5 – Shelby Solis 22.26

###### 4x100M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 1:01.23

###### 4x800M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 12:11.90

###### Long Jump

9 – Betty Lossiah 9-10.25

###### Discus

5 – Jaelyn Lossiah 71-0  
10 – Aria Foerst 63-4  
16 – Sateva Youngdeer 54-4  
19 – Alitama Perkins 45-9

###### Shot Put

3 – Aria Foerst 28-7.75  
8 – Jaelyn Lossiah 24-2.5  
14 – Niya Mora 21-9.25

20 – Alitama Perkins 18-4

##### Boys

###### 100M Dash

2 – Joseph Hornbuckle 11.79  
7 – Luke Climbingbear 12.46  
8 – Dalmon King 12.49  
12 – William Hartbarger 12.81

###### 200M Dash

4 – Oztin Swayney 25.00  
7 – Luke Climbingbear 25.35

###### 800M Run

9 – Eli Bird 2:48.16  
11 – Kaleb McCoy 2:54.31  
12 – Gideon Freeman 3:18.16

###### 1600M Run

1 – Jaylen Bark 4:55.40  
3 – Tyce Hogner 5:18.49  
8 – Tanis Esquivel 5:33.05  
10 – Oztin Swayney 5:36.82  
12 – Eli Bird 6:15.75

###### 4x100M Relay

5 – Cherokee team 50.61

###### 4x200M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 1:39.68

###### 4x400M Relay

3 – Cherokee team 4:01.84

###### 4x800M Relay

2 – 9:16.28

###### High Jump

4 – Ray Bradley and William Hartbarger (tie) 5-4

###### Long Jump

2 – Tso Smith 18-10.5  
10 – William Hartbarger 14-3.5  
13 – Gideon Freeman 10-0

###### Triple Jump

2 – Anthony Lossiah 37-3  
8 – William Hartbarger 32-7.75

###### Discus

2 – Kensen Davis 128-0  
3 – James Reed 107-9  
8 – Nathaniel Littlejohn 95-5

###### Shot Put

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Food truck vendors sought for Kituwah Celebration

The Office of the Principal Chief is now taking applications for four food truck vendors for the 2022 Kituwah Celebration on Saturday, May 21. The owner of the food truck must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) or the spouse of an enrolled member of the EBCI to be entered into the Food Truck Drawing for this event. Applications can be picked up at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds from Lisa Frady. All applications are due Friday, March 25 by 4 p.m. Any application turned in after the deadline will not be accepted. The drawing will be on Wednesday, March 30. Info: Lisa Frady 359-6471 or email at lisa-

frad@ebci-nsn.gov.

### Nominations sought for inaugural Lula Owle Gloyne award

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation (CIHF) will present the inaugural Lula Owle Gloyne Person of Excellence Award during the 11th Annual CIHF Gala on June 25. This award will honor a deserving individual whose actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Nominations are open now and must be submitted to CIHF by Friday, April 15. Forms are available at [www.cihfoundation.org](http://www.cihfoundation.org).

### Cherokee and sustainable craft vendors wanted

The City of Walhalla and the Cherokee Museum in Walhalla,

S.C. are having an Earth Day celebration on April 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cherokee Friends from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and performers from Deer Clan Productions will also be performing. This is the second year of this event. There is no booth fee and lunch for two people will be provided by the museum staff. Restroom facilities are close to the vendor area. For more information, please send email to [hugh.lambert@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.lambert@gmail.com) or call 269-6268 and leave a message.

### Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) mem-

ber renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and documentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: [shicks@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shicks@ebci-nsn.gov)

Note that entering information using the link at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) is not an application. This link is used to collect your information so that we may contact you via email/phone. Also, if you have received 18 months of assistance, you have exhausted the maximum amount of assistance allowed.

Eligible households include families that have:

- Enrolled EBCI tribal member

## COLD CASE



**The body of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was found in a burned vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Rd., in the Big Cove Community, on Dec. 29, 2013.**

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that "foul play" was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$20,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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- Rent
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- Utilities and home energy costs
- Utilities and home energy cost arrears

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Tribal members must also provide in writing that they have

experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant cost, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. This program is NOT for homeowners or tribal members with mortgages. To apply for this program, you MUST be a renter. This program is to help prevent current renters from becoming homeless or evicted.

Info: Stefany Hicks 359-8096,  
Monday – Friday between the  
hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
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Division

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

If your annual gross income (AGI) is less than \$73,000 and you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are eligible to have your taxes prepared

at no cost at the EBCI Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Due to the rise in COVID cases, this year will begin by using a drop-off pickup system and may change to face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-6939 or 359-6938 to set up a drop-off appointment. During your appointment, you will be required to fill out a short intake form. Dropoff appointments will begin Monday, Feb. 14 and will be Monday through Thursday. Remember to wear a mask and do not come if you are exhibiting COVID symptoms or have been quarantined due to positive test or by contact tracing. Customers exhibiting symptoms will be asked to reschedule their drop-off or pick-up.

Bring with you the following items to your appointment/drop-off:

off:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return (if possible)
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.
- Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit letter and Letter 6475 Economic Impact

see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page

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**DEADLINE FOR MOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022**

**DEADLINE FOR PLOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022**

**Eligibility Requirements**

1. Must be an enrolled member of EBCI
2. Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
3. Applicants must be 59 ½
4. Applicants under 59 ½ must not be physically capable of mowing:
  - Proof of Disability (2022 Social Security Disability Statement) required
5. A Doctor's Note stating applicant is not physically capable will be required from each applicant (disabled and 59 ½ or older). Please attach to the application or request it be faxed to 828-497-3519.

**Mowing**




- Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- Animals must be properly secured when mowing contractor arrives.
- Residence must be within the 3 county service areas: Swain, Jackson and Haywood.
- Seasonal – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns mowed outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

**Plowing**



- Seasonal - March 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Available up to a 100 ft. by 100 ft. area
- (1) garden per household



**H.E.L.P.**

Please call (828) 359-6638 with any questions you may have.

Please have your health care provider fax doctor's notes to (828) 497-3519.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** General announcements and news, from page 11

letters

- *EBCI Cooperative Extension*  
Office release

## THANK YOU LETTER

### Thank you from the family of Carroll Parker

We want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to each person that has brought food, called, visited, brought flowers, and offered support during this difficult time in our lives. It is so meaningful to live in a community that lifts each other with love.

Thank you,

**The family of Carroll Parker**

## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Park announces efforts to reopen Parson Branch Road

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced that efforts are underway to reopen Parson Branch Road in 2022. The eight-mile, primitive gravel road between Cades Cove and the western boundary of the park along Highway 129 has been closed since 2016 due to hazardous tree concerns. The Friends of the Smokies provided critical funding to support the removal of the trees. The road is targeted for reopening this summer.

Park crews originally delayed opening the road in the summer of 2016 due to a damaged, 20-linear-foot section of road caused by an uprooted dead tree. After further inspection, crews identified over 1,700 hazardous trees within falling distance of the road

corridor. The road was closed to all vehicle use by the public. The estimated cost of hazardous tree removal for the area at the time, ranged between \$300,000 and \$450,000. The narrow, low speed roadway closely winds along the creek through mature forests containing a high concentration of Eastern hemlock trees which were dead or dying due to a widespread infestation of the non-native forest pest, hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).

Park crews have continued to work diligently during the five-year closure to remove downed trees blocking the road and to make needed road repairs to ensure that the corridor was passable for emergency vehicles. Over this time period, more than half the dead trees have fallen due to natural deterioration and multiple large

storm events. The Park secured funds for the removal of an additional 800 standing hazard trees along the road corridor from a \$100,000 donation by the Friends of the Smokies, which was matched by an additional \$50,000 from federal funds. The Park awarded the \$150,000 contract to Richmond Tree Experts for the tree removal.

Once the tree removal work is complete, Park crews will begin working on road clean-up, ditching, and grading of the road surface to ready it for opening. More updates will be provided about the anticipated opening date by early summer. For more information about road closures, please follow SmokiesRoadsNPS on Twitter or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/grsm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm).

- *National Park Service release*

### Small wildfire contained near Park headquarters

Great Smoky Mountains National Park was notified of a small 1.5-acre wildfire near the park headquarters building, between the ranger station and the park maintenance yard, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Pigeon Forge Fire Department and Gatlinburg Fire Department initially responded for fire suppression efforts, later transitioning oversight to park fire crews. Firefighters had the fire fully contained at approximately 3:05 p.m.

A downed power line along Park Headquarters Road ignited the wildfire. The road and the Gatlinburg Trail are temporarily closed to visitors, while fire crews continue to monitor the site and Sevier County Electric restore the power line. A park engine crew will continue to monitor the site overnight.

- *National Park Service release*



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2022 - 2023 program year.

If selected, Fellows receive \$4000 to use for their leadership endeavors and for travel opportunities. Fellows will also raise awareness and work on community issues, receive personal and professional support from Mentors in our community, and have networking opportunities.

To apply, please visit [www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/](http://www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/) or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee. Applications are due to Christopher Reed by April 4th, 2022 at 4:30pm.



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## OBITUARIES JHfR

### Patricia Ann Murray

Patricia Ann Jumper Murray, age 55, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Harris Regional Hospital.

She is the daughter of the late Azure Jumper and Mildred Connor Bryson. Patricia is survived by her loving husband, Johnathan Murray, (mother-in-law and father-in-law) Wilma and Jerry Murray; brothers, Robert Jumper (Vickie), John Bryson (Kim), Justin Jumper (Kristen), Chris Farmer, and Steven Bryson (Maggie); sisters, Kendra Fox Cassel (Derick) and Eva Leatherman (Donnie). Shila Blankenship (Clyde) and her beloved nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by

her step-father, Johnny Bryson and sister, Vickie Jumper.

The family had a visitation on Saturday, March 26 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Eugene Keith Harlan

Eugene Keith Harlan, 67, of Marble, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

A native of Cherokee and long-time resident of Marble, he was the son of the late John Harlan Sr. and Vivian Ensley Harlan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three daughters, Harlee Harrison, Amy Crowe and Angela Ledford-Jackson; and his sister, Angela Harlan.

He is survived by his children, Michael Harlan (Vanessa), An-

thony Welch, Lisa Parker, Bean Harlan-Pheasant (David) all of Cherokee; grandchildren, Logan, Mica, Michael, Bo, Kendall, Annee, Ethan, Jacie, Jay, Tia; great grandchildren, Zavian, Kyndrick, Kamilah, Astrid, Anika; siblings, John Harlan Jr., James Harlan, Victoria Harlan, Lynne Harlan, and other

extended family members.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24 at Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Revs. Scott Chekelelee and Eddie Sherrill officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.



### Flowers for Easter decorating

<b>Lilies</b>	<b>Hyacinths</b>	These colorful beauties make wonderful table centerpieces, small place setting markers, door wreaths, windowbox drama, potted scenery for your patio, mailbox brighteners or gifts for loved ones.
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<b>Hydrangeas</b>	<b>Roses</b>	
<b>Daffodils</b>	<b>Sweet Peas</b>	
<b>Azaleas</b>	<b>Chrysanthemums</b>	

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## COMMENTARY

### Curing what ails us

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

Our heritage, benefits, and personal identity have long been wrapped up in a system that identifies us as enrolled members of a body of people. In an ironic twist of fate, we are identified as Cherokee due to our connection to a federal roll established in 1924.

"The final roll of the Eastern Cherokee, prepared by United States Agent Fred A. Baker, pur-

suant to an act of the 68th Congress, (43 stat., 376), June 4, 1924. Before preparation of this roll, the Act required that all land, money, and other property of the Tribe be transferred to the United States for final disposition. Termination of the Tribe as a government and political entity was the ultimate goal. After termination efforts failed, the Tribe continued to use the 1924 Baker Roll as its base roll. Descendants of those persons of the original Baker Roll are enrolled on the Baker Revised Roll, providing they meet the membership requirements of the Tribe." (accessgenealogy.com)

Just over 3,000 names appear on the original Baker roll. From

that lineage of "enrolled" members came the over 16,000 on our current tribal roll today. And all of us are enrolled members.

By this same system, the Baker Roll, we have also come to identify our race as Eastern Band Cherokee Indians. This is so because of the use of blood quantum to establish the "Indian-ness" of our people. Your blood quantum (if you are an enrolled member) is determined by calculating your blood relationship to an ancestor on the Baker roll. This is usually done by researching birth records and some by DNA research.

"All persons whose names appear on the roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North

Carolina, prepared and approved pursuant to the Act of June 4, 1924 (43 Stat. 376) and the Act of March 4, 1931 (46 Stat. 1518). This is the base roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and shall be known as the Baker Roll of 1924. It is the foundation on which all enrollment decisions are made and shall not be subject to challenge or amendment as to the information contained therein." (Cherokee Code Section 49-2a)

Race and citizenship are intermingled further in our law. Making for very confusing discussions when it comes to the civil rights of individuals who are "enrolled members".

"A tribal census, for the pur-

## THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

# WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2022

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseegee River</b>	Delayed Harvest Stocking March 3 (only delayed harvest section is open)	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Midges, Wolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, eggs, Soft Hackles
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Midges, Soft Hackles
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber Legs, Midges, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Soft Hackles

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## BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

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AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER++	BEST	SEASON'S BEST	BETTER++	BETTER
9:45 AM-11:54 AM	N/A	N/A	N/A	12:41 AM-2:41 PM	1:25 AM-3:25 AM	2:09 AM-4:09 AM
10:20 PM-12:20 AM	10:45 AM-12:45 PM	11:33 AM-1:33 PM	12:19 PM-2:19 PM	1:03 PM-3:03 PM	1:47 PM-3:47 PM	2:32 PM-4:32 PM

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poses of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled members residing in each township” (Charter and Governing Document Section 19).

On a side note, our adherence to the governing document seems to be in line with a policy manual rather than an actual binding agreement between the governors and the governed. While there has been quite a bit of bloviation regarding the power of the Charter, our government has been accepting of disregarding tenets designed to empower the people; example, our governing body has not enforced the admonition of the Charter to conduct a tribal census since the turn of the millennium, in what appears to be a clear violation of tribal law.

In addition to the roll requirement, a blood quantum requirement is in effect for our people. To be an enrolled member, according to Cherokee Code in Section 49-2, the blood degree rules are that a person must have 1/16th blood connection (dependent on the documented blood quantum of the person on the roll so that a person seeking enrollment has a 16th of EBCI blood quantum) with a person listed on the federal Baker roll in order to be qualified to be an enrolled member. There is a caveat in the law to allow “All direct lineal descendants of persons identified in section 49-2a who were living on August 14, 1963; who possess at least 1/32 degree of Eastern Cherokee blood, who applied for membership prior to August 14, 1963, and have themselves or have parents who have maintained and dwelt in a home at sometime

during the period from June 4, 1924, through August 14, 1963, on the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the Counties of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, and Haywood in North Carolina.”

The Tribe authorized an \$846,900 enrollment audit in May 2005. The Tribe contracted with the Falmouth Institute. The stated purpose or scope of work stated, “The Tribe has identified a need for a thorough and independent review of the Tribe’s enrollment records to determine: whether there are persons listed on the Tribal rolls who did not meet the legal requirements for enrollment when they were enrolled, and if accuracy and consistency of the Tribe’s enrollment records; to determine if there are deficiencies in the enrollment process; to identify improvements to the enrollment process and enrollment records (the “Work”); and to make other examinations, if any, described in the documents attached and incorporated into this agreement.” The “other documents” attached detailed a thorough review of process, recording, and remediation.

A preliminary report was generated by Falmouth which indicated that there were some irregularities, both in enrollment and in record keeping. The security of enrollment records seemed to be a chief concern, with programs unrelated to tribal enrollment allegedly finding or reporting enrollment documentation in areas that might not be considered as secure.

While some official discussion has occurred over the course of the nearly 17 years since the Tribe started their enrollment audit, no official reporting or outcomes have been issued to the Tribal community. There was some discussion

that the Enrollment Committee may not have continued its relationship with Falmouth to an outcome or final report. There was also discussion that the Enrollment program would supposedly, at some point, finish the work. These were not official releases, but they were discussed in open sessions of Tribal Council.

Another side note, both census and enrollment irregularities impact the quality of life of Eastern Band Cherokee Indians tribal members. Like many other municipal systems, resources are allocated based on who is supposed to be serviced and where those who are supposed to be serviced reside. In the case of census, individual communities of the tribe are represented by two Tribal Council representatives. They vote for their communities based on a Charter-ordained weighted vote, which means their voting power or percentage is determined by where those who are to be served reside. And, if there are persons on the tribal roll who do not meet the criteria for being on the roll, obviously, this would directly impact the amount and distribution of resources to legitimately enrolled members.

It is unfortunate that we are locked in to identifying ourselves as enrolled members of our tribe (our Charter clearly identifies us as such). It is also unfortunate that we do not recognize the importance of citizenship in our tribe. A citizen is “a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it” (Merriam-Webster).

As we have said a number of times, the governing document of our Tribe, the Charter, affords very limited civil rights for its “enrolled members”. As we have

seen with the census, our government doesn’t necessarily have to abide by even the Charter. That is why it is so vitally important that our people engage in meaningful discussion about a tribal constitution; that we adopt a more potent law that recognizes our rights of race and citizenship in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We need to also clear up and clean up our enrollment record and process.

Yet another side note: This is not an impeachment of persons. It is an indictment of process. The EBCI Enrollment Office staff do outstanding work with the resources that they are given. We have good people doing good work there. It is process that needs examination, update, and potentially correction. Our tribal leaders would not have authorized a tribe-wide enrollment audit at a cost of nearly a million dollars if there were no sign of a need. Regarding our Charter, our governors are working with an outdated and inadequate standard that does not provide the kind of guidance that a tribal nation must have. Our own Tribal Council has acknowledged the need for a tribal constitution through the formation and allocation of funds for a constitution committee that is in the final stages of input before requesting a referendum vote on the latest draft of a governing document to replace the Charter. Many of the ailments of our Tribe are because we treat the symptoms of our issues on the Qualla Boundary and among the enrolled members of our Tribe instead of getting to the root cause or foundation. Citizenship is a foundational issue that, if correctly addressed, will cure a multitude of ills.

## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Everyone is called, have you chosen?

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Matthew 20:1-7; Matthew 28:18-20  
*Continued.*

God never said to just sit around nor even just attend a church. I read things like “Go ye therefore into all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.” We can almost hear a person say, “Well, that’s good, I’ll just lay out until next Sunday then.” No, that’s not how it works, either. Let me give you a benchmark. Having started, I need to finish this.

When one activates their own faith, and we should each begin doing the work of God, then, watch this, Sunday morning becomes a rejoicing shout-fest at what God has been doing this week. Now is when we can begin to just sit back, and we can shout. It’s not really about the shout, or how much noise one can make.

It’s all about true praise and worship. So many of us are living on what He did twenty years ago, that it has lost its savor. We’re still trying to rejoice over what He did ten years ago. We don’t forget, but we need to write down any and every miracle, because we serve an always fresh, right-now God, and we are to be especially thankful He still does miracles. We need miracles as much now as at the very first. How much more now as there are millions more people!

How many of us know and are thankful He is still able to perform miracles, just like He did yesterday? He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is able to heal like He did last year, and God regularly can and does! When I begin to release my faith in a right-now, supernatural-required situation, how many of us know He can do a right-now miracle, so one can begin to worship and thank Him for it even ahead of when we will actually begin to see it? Yes, Amen. That’s powerful and good! This can also happen whenever we release our faith on this earth. Amen! It happens whenever one begins to declare, “I’m ready to see God

move, whatever it takes, whatever it costs me, wherever I have to go, whatever I have to do. I’m not here for me. I’m here to be about my Father’s business.”

In Heaven, nothing is considered to be “fair.” I have found out the last shall be first and the first shall be last. God can bless whom He will. If you are doing the things of God and are winning souls, your reward will be the same as Billy Graham’s, Amen? Then what’s the difference? Can I start now and somebody starts next week. If you start doing God’s business, God will start doing and helping your business now. So, while the reward will be the same in the end, the reward today can be far greater. Amen. Start doing God’s business now and He’ll reward the same in the end. It can be far greater. Amen.

One can say, Pastor Tim, you really are blessed. I’ll tell you how. I started a long time ago taking care of His Business and because of that, He takes care of mine. Thank You, Lord.

You make great decisions. Yes, I do, and they are made based on the Word of God.

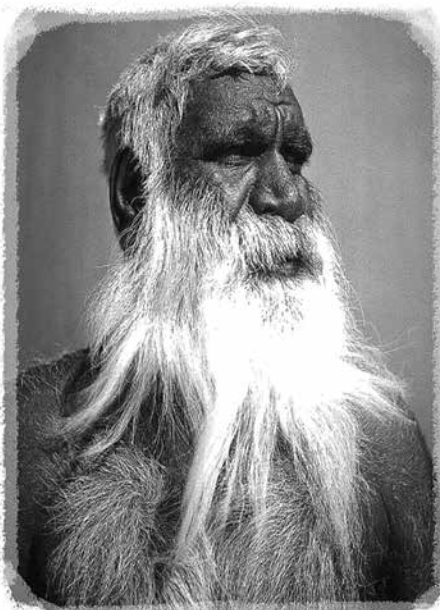
God also does some things that make it a lot easier for me. He shut those doors, opened these doors, and put me in that hallway to get me to another door. I didn’t have anything to do with any of that. I just walked the path God told me to walk. Amen. And then I stopped, because that’s how God works.

Each of us need to understand, we are not only in the end of the eleventh hour, I believe Jesus could actually come back at any minute. If that’s true, and I’m assuring you it is,, then you need to understand something today. The time for playing “church” is over. It’s time that the Church gets hungry, not only for finances and cars and houses, but for souls. Our focus needs to shift from my pain, my issues, to the souls of those around us.

Read John 15:16. Here’s what Jesus has had written. “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you to bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. Whatsoever you ask, ask of the Father, in My Name.” He may give it to you.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



“Adnyamathanha Man”  
by Charles Mount (1937)

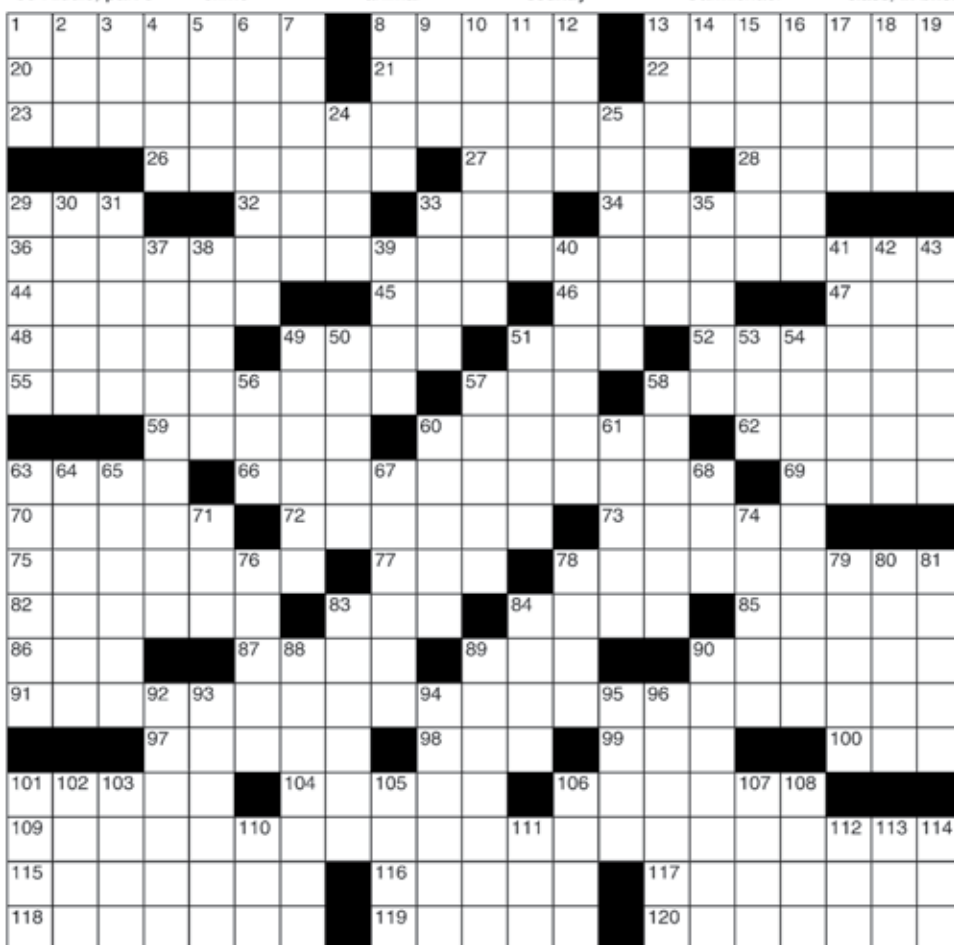
*...He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...*

🌀 Acts 17: 26, 27 🌀



### ACROSS

- 1 Hero-worship  
8 Not — (fair to middling)  
13 Gave a prize to  
20 Big name in cassette tapes, once  
21 Bad booze  
22 "Wouldn't it Be —" ("My Fair Lady" song)  
23 Start of a riddle  
26 Came after that  
27 Violin master  
28 Library no-no  
29 Aflame  
32 "Every day — new day"  
33 ET's craft  
34 Brief tussle  
36 Riddle, part 2  
44 Not wholly  
45 "Cool" moola amount  
46 Bottom  
47 Pro-school gp.  
48 "Hi, Don Ho!"  
49 Tease in fun  
51 Store window info: Abbr.  
52 Smear all over  
55 Riddle, part 3
- 57 — bah (big wheel: Var.)  
58 Reach as far as  
59 "On the Beach" novelist  
60 Jimmy Dorsey hit  
62 More furtive  
63 "Uncle Moses" novelist  
66 Riddle, part 4  
69 Gen — (millennials)  
70 Rental for relocation  
72 Flip out  
73 Feudal toilers  
75 Novelty  
77 Miniver's title  
78 Riddle, part 5  
82 Moon of Neptune  
83 Be the victor  
84 Sci-fi sage  
85 Lasso part  
86 Suffix with east  
87 "Oh, really?"  
89 Country singer Tillis  
90 Charge to run a promo  
91 End of the riddle  
97 Firebug's crime
- 98 Possible reply to "Are you sure?"  
99 "That's the guy!"  
100 Calendar spans: Abbr.  
101 Tehran native  
104 Candle parts  
106 Dominion  
109 Riddle's answer  
115 Barbuda's partner island  
116 — two (a few)  
117 Books filled with maps  
118 Most sharp  
119 Space of "3 Women"  
120 Pedicure target
- 12 — McAn (big name in footwear)  
13 Format of AP Radio Network  
14 "Alas!"  
15 Lemmon/Wilder comedy  
16 Take hold again, as a plant  
17 Three, in Munich  
18 Yale alumni  
19 Bit of force  
24 Try, as a case  
25 Turkish VIPs of old  
29 Wash gently against, as the shore  
30 Novelist Calvino  
31 Dice toss  
33 Infantry division  
35 1990s fitness fad  
37 Tom Cruise's role in "Mission: Impossible"  
38 Get — start (not begin on time)  
39 "Sure, put me down for it"  
40 Not in the country
- 41 Neck and neck, scorewise  
42 Fix at the vet's  
43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa  
49 Objects  
50 Middle name of Emerson  
51 Rhino's pair  
53 Canon camera series  
54 Under oath legally  
56 Roman 106  
57 Odists, e.g.  
58 Swiss canton or its capital  
60 Reject rudely  
61 Lay new turf on  
63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale  
64 Shepherd once of "The View"  
65 Sounding like a crow  
67 Bad blood  
68 Prefix with cuspid  
71 Zodiac feline  
74 Italian  
76 Pouty states  
78 Shed feathers  
79 Composer Carmichael
- 80 On the move  
81 Many minors  
83 Hot dog, informally  
84 Rural assent to a woman  
88 Feline in competitions  
89 Ailment with red spots  
90 Confess about  
92 Submit, as homework  
93 Emergency room sorting  
94 Waikiki wear  
95 "Alas!"  
96 Bites lightly  
101 "Out of Africa" writer  
102 Bit of Viking writing  
103 Poker post  
105 Corp. money handlers  
106 "Climb — Mountain"  
107 Make mad  
108 Israeli statesman  
110 Frat letters  
111 Calendar spans: Abbr.  
112 Onetime foe of the USSR  
113 Waikiki wear  
114 Immigrants' class, in brief



see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 20

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 Revelation in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Deuteronomy 18, who prophesied that Jesus would speak all the Father commanded? *Abraham, Aaron, Moses, Noah*
3. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? *Smyrna, Bethany, Antioch, Cana*
4. In Hebrews 7, which priest was the "King of peace"? *Ezekiel, Seraiah, Melchisedec, Haggai*
5. How old was Methuselah at his death? *200, 617, 969, 1,102*
6. From 2 Samuel 8, who was commander of David's army? *Amasa, Joab, Joshua, Julius*

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1. LANGUAGE: What is a demonym?
2. MEDICAL: What's the common name of a condition called otitis externa?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which large body of water lies to the south of Ukraine?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used to make marzipan?
5. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the poem "The Gift Outright," which was read at President John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is an octant?
7. GEOLOGY: Which mineral is the softest on the Mohs Scale?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a porcupine's baby?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Barbie's younger sister, introduced in 1964?
10. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising take place in 1916?

## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Turkey Shoot.** April 2 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Sponsored by Randy Saunooke. Good food, good run, great prizes, great benefit.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Upcoming Vaccine

#### Clinics hosted by

#### Tsalagi Public Health

- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym.

#### EBCI Garden Kit Giveaways.

April 6 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for EBCI tribal elders only and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for all other EBCI tribal members. April 5 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Snowbird Senior Center. April 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cherokee County Community Club Pavilion. This giveaway is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians only (must have enrollment card). One garden kit per household. Provided by EBCI Cooperative Extension. Info: 359-6939

**Easter Egg Market.** April 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lunch by

Melitia. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

**Easter Egg Hunt.** April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at old Cherokee High School. Food, door prizes, photobooth. Egg hunt age groups: 5+under, 6-9, 10-13. Pre-register (9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.) to receive Easter bag and door prize ticket. Sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief and EBCI Tribal Option.

### SPORTS EVENTS

**Western Carolina University Half Marathon and 5K.** April 9 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. The half marathon (13.1 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) will have staggered start times to help reduce crowding. The half marathon will start at 8 a.m. The 5K will start at 8:30 a.m. Early registration fees are \$45 for the half marathon and \$20 for the 5K through March 6. Fees will then increase to \$60 and \$30 through April 8. Race day registration will be available for \$75 and \$40 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at WCU's Campus Recreation Center. Runners younger than 18 get a \$5 discount on the 5K pricing. Info: [www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/](http://www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/)

### 2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

(General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).

**Memorial Day Fish Tournament**  
- Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29  
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27  
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

**Tim Hill Memorial Tournament**  
- Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10  
- Registration deadline is Friday,

July 8

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

**Qualla Country Fish Tournament**  
- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28  
- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26  
- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, <https://fish-cherokee.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee>  
- EBCI Natural Resources Div.

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

Answers														
ADULATE	SOHOT	AWARDED	MEMOREX	HOOCH	LOVERLY	IFABUNCH	OFPEOPLE	AREIN	ENSUED	ELMAN	NOISE	LIT	ISA	UFO
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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

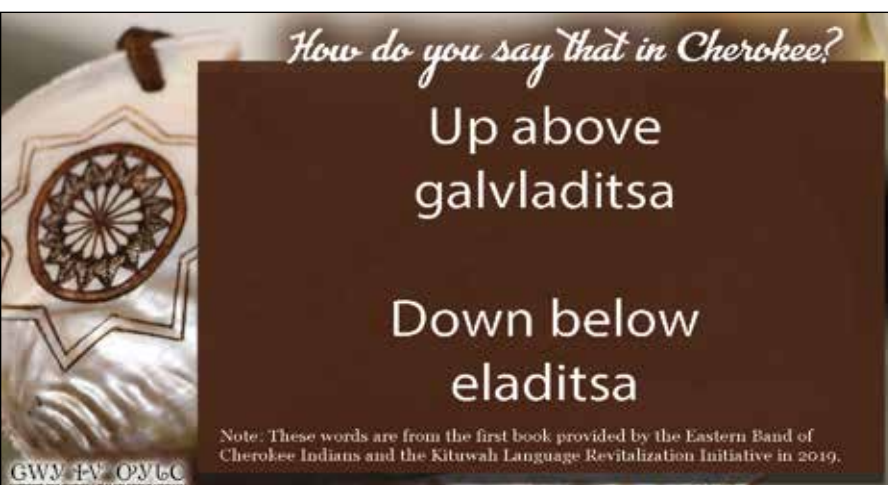
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Moses; 3) Bethany; 4) Melchisedec; 5) 969; 6) Joab



#### Answers

1. A term used to describe the natives or residents of a country, state or city
2. Swimmer's ear
3. Black Sea
4. Almonds
5. Robert Frost
6. One-eighth of a circle, or 45 degrees
7. Talc
8. Porcupette
9. Skipper
10. Ireland

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**Mother's Day 5K. May 7 at Kituwah.** Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m. Register at <https://runsignup.com/mothersday/5k>. \$15 for early registration until March 14; then, it increases to \$20. \$10 registration for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 or email [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Galaxy Cheer Tryouts.** June 6-8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly at Pirouettes Dance & Cheer Academy. Attire is athletic wear. Info: Samantha Hernandez 736-0452 or email [pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com)

#### WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

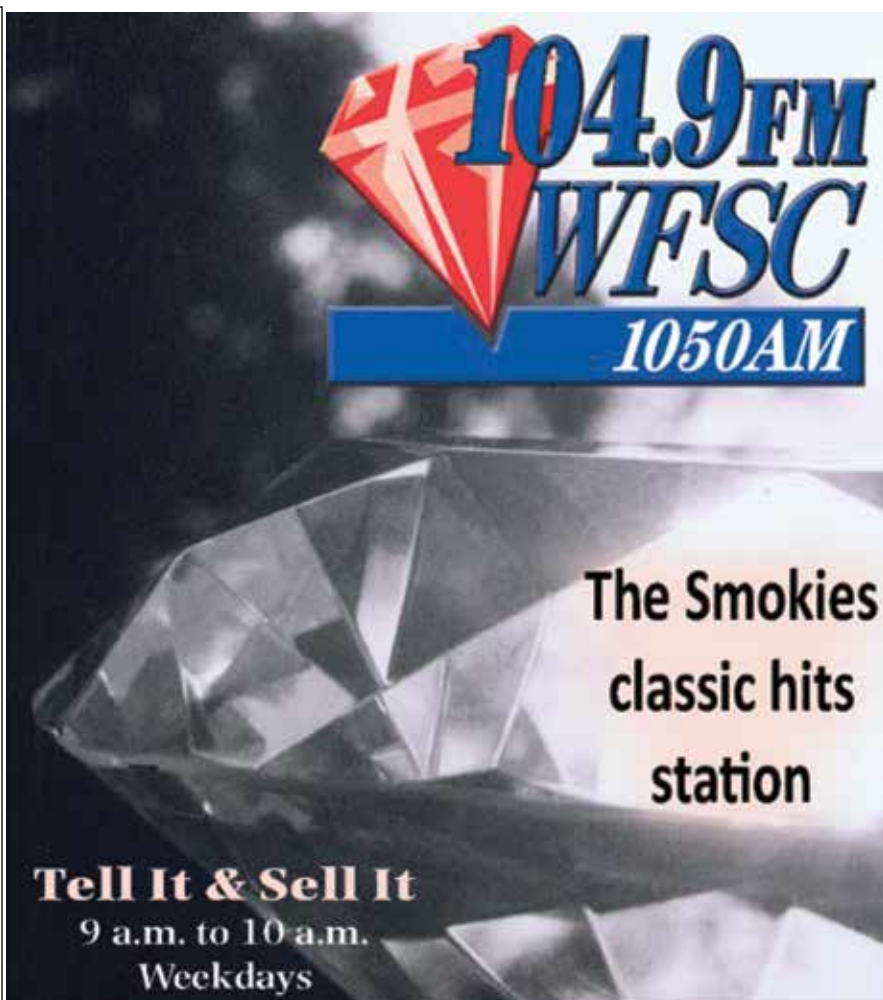
**Making Pine Needle Baskets class.** April 2 from 12 p.m. to 3

p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. This class, hosted by the Valley River Arts Guild, is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City. Frank March will present "Schools and Churches in the Swain County Section of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park". This event is open to the public and is free of charge.

**Making a Clay Rabbit class.** April 9 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Val-

see **HAPPENINGS** next page



**104.9FM WFSC 1050AM**

**The Smokies classic hits station**

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9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Weekdays

## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### Contaminated Drinking Water at U.S. Bases

We've known for years about the dry-cleaning chemicals and leaking fuel tanks contaminating the water at Camp Lejeune. It went on for decades (1953-1987) with multiple generations being affected before the Department of Veterans Affairs finally allowed claims for disability from all the illnesses caused by the water. But Lejeune isn't the only one.

Last year, word started surfacing about chemicals in the water at the Pease Air Base with enough of a hue and cry that health officials called for people to sign up in a health study by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Then there's Fort Ord. It was put on the Superfund's National Priorities List in 1990 due to leaking petroleum tanks underground.

Now there's news from Hawaii, where families at Pearl Harbor-Hickam Field are concerned about petroleum and lead in the drinking water, including in a child-development center. Then there's the fuel in the drinking water in 9,000 of their homes, leading to families being cleared out and sent to motels. Even after the lines were flushed, petroleum remained. Now residents are asking that the VA cover them as Camp Lejeune was (finally) covered, except they don't want to wait for so many years.

If you and your family were stationed at any military base (especially if it had an airport and the use of fire-suppressant foam) and if any of you have health problems, dig into the cause. Start online with the Environmental Working Group (EWG.org) and put "military bases" in the search box. Find the map showing 678 military installations with suspect PFAS in the water, and click on any base on the map to see test results for that location.

Do a search online for bases with contaminated water. You'll be shocked at the list.

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### Roommate Stuck With Unwanted Kitten

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** The local shelter in our college town does not allow college students to adopt pets. However, my roommate managed to get around the rule by using her boyfriend's address, and she brought a kitten into our dorm. I told her to take it back, as pets are not allowed in the dorm (except for service animals). She ignored me. Two weeks later, she dropped out of school and moved in with her boyfriend, leaving behind most of her stuff — and the kitten! If I tell our R.A. I could get in trouble. What can I do? I don't want anyone to know what college I'm at, so sign me — *Beth in Boston*

**DEAR BETH:** Honesty is the best policy here, and the welfare of the kitten is at stake. Contact the shelter right away. Explain what happened with your roommate, that you're caring for the kitten as she's abandoned it, but that you aren't allowed to keep it.

Next, tell your R.A. what happened. Call your parents, too, so they're aware of the problem and will support you if there's an issue with the school.

Your roommate used either her name or her boyfriend's name and his address. The shelter will have this on file, so they can verify that you're not the one who's responsible for the kitten.

They'll give you instructions on how to bring the kitten back and surrender it to them. If there's a surrender fee, they should bill the boyfriend and your ex-roommate. Likewise, any penalties assessed by the college should fall on your ex-roommate.

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

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**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from page 21

ley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. This class is open to children ages 7-12. Info: 360-3038

**Making a Treasure Keeper Yarn and Rope Basket class.** April 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. This class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Friends of the Greenway Spring Fundraising event (FROG FAIR).** May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main at the Town Bridge in Franklin. Arts and crafts, food, and music. Vendor spaces are available. Info: frog28734@gmail.com or www.littletennessee.org

#### OTHER EVENTS

**Native American Gathering & Earth Day Celebration.** April 23 at The Museum of the Cherokee in S.C. located in Walhalla, S.C. Performances, live music, arts and crafts, kids activities, hands-on learning, and food. Info: www.mainstreetwalhalla.com

#### 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

**theonefeather.com is a great resource for all EBCI-related links**

**Scroll to the bottom of the home page at theonefeather.com and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.**

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**SAVE  
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DATE**

*Kituwah Celebration*

**MAY 21, 2022**

Please join us for a celebration to commemorate the acquisition of official trust status of Kituwah Mound, the Mother town of all Cherokee people. Formal invitation and agenda to come.

*Are you an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing or wish to reside in Buncombe County? The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division, in partnership with Dogwood Health Trust, can help!*



The EBCI Cherokee Indians Housing Division is now able to assist enrolled members with Down Payment Assistance (DPA), Rate Buy Down (RBD) Funds and Foster Parent Renovation Loans.

Applicants are eligible for a maximum Down Payment Assistance of \$30,000.00 to be repayable over a five-year term after the mortgage is satisfied. This includes loans for either the purchase of an existing home or for new construction. If approved for DPA, borrower will automatically be awarded the RBD gift funds to purchase discount points to lower their interest rate.

Parents who wish to increase living space and have foster children or have kinship placement are eligible to apply for the Foster Parent Renovation Loan. This loan may be considered forgivable if certain criteria are met that are included in the current policy.

Please contact one of our friendly Homebuyer Services Coordinators for more information. We look forward to working with you and making your homeownership dream a reality!!!

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# MISSING PERSON

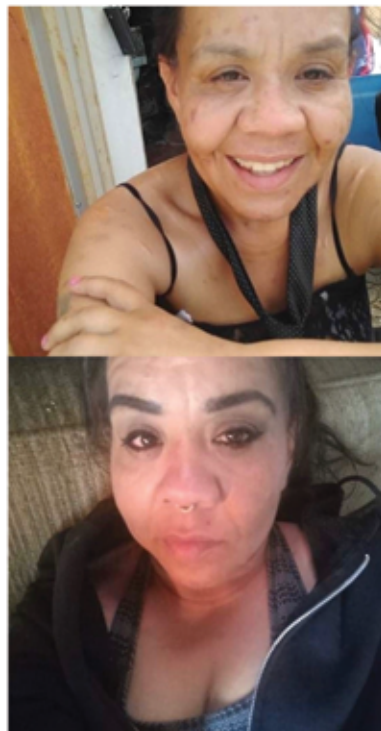
## Brittaney Littledave - female

Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

Height: 5'2/5'3  
Weight: 130lbs  
Age: 36  
Eye and hair color: brown  
Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later  
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

Brittaney has not been seen nor heard from since Sept. 5, 2021 at 12:39 p.m. There has been no activity on any of her social media as well since that time. Her last known place was in Fresno, Calif.

If you have any information or know of her current whereabouts, please contact Summer at (330) 432-0934 or the Fresno Police Dept. at (559) 621-7000.



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## Opportunity to assist in drafting the final proposed Constitution

The SGADUGI Constitution group, would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has been involved in drafting this constitution. It is thanks to the dedication by members of the community throughout 2021 that we were able to produce these weekly articles.

The purpose of these articles was an effort to better explain the thought process that went into the choices that were made in drafting the proposed Constitution. They were also written to compare the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians which the Tribe is using to govern versus the proposed Constitution. And, when needed, the articles explain concepts that some may not understand or may not relate to how it would affect them.

Each written article covers a subsection of the Constitution in smaller, more digestible bites. Even though each written article examines a part of the document, the entire document is covered. Some portions of the Constitution required multiple issues of the newspaper to cover. What's included here is a compilation of the One Feather articles that appeared each week.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the One Feather Staff for their support in this endeavor, including Robert Jumper and Scott Brings Plenty. Without their contributions each week, we would not have been able to get this phase of the project completed.

The goal is to get people aware and involved so when we go to Tribal Council in the Spring of 2023, we will have the support to get it on the ballot for the 2023 election. We are counting on you to make this a document we all can be proud of and live under. This document is to replace the Charter and Governing Document on the governance of the People.

The next phase is community input. We are looking for thoughts and suggestions from everyone on how to make this Constitution even better and more representative of the majority. We will begin April 7, 2022, with a discussion page both on the sgadugi.org website and the Facebook page (search EBCI Constitution). We will list a section of the Constitution. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are invited and encouraged to post and discuss that and previous sections. Every two weeks we'll post a new section for the tribal community to consider.



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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fection. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

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## Employment Opportunities

### Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time\* - Part-Time\* -  
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**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

**Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings**

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.

### (Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

1. CMS Special Education Teacher
2. CMS Special Education Teacher - Pathseekers
3. CHS Drone Teacher
4. CHS Engineering Teacher
5. CHS Social Studies Teacher
6. CHS Automechanics Teacher
7. CHS Special Education Teacher - Life Skills
8. CES Speech Language Pathologist
9. CES Special Education Teacher - STARS
10. CES Special Education TA - STARS
11. CES Special Education TA
12. CES Special Education Teacher
13. CES School Counselor
14. Elementary Teacher (Multiple)
15. Cherokee Language Instructor
16. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School)
17. Part-Time Security
18. Custodian
19. Substitute Teachers





# 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 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 re-advertise positions without notice.*

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

## OPEN UNTIL FILLED

**Agelink Childcare**  
FT Food Services Worker  
FT Lead Teacher  
FT Custodian

**Snowbird Childcare**  
FT Lead Teacher

**Children's Home**  
PT Resident Counselor (5)

**Bus & Truck**  
FT Truck Driver  
PT School Bus Drivers

**Service**  
Seasonal Mowing & Trimming Laborer



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

### Closing January 16, 2022

- 1) Professional Development Coordinator: Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start - PHHS (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- 2) Medical Records Specialist: Tribal In-Home Care Services - PHHS (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- 3) Receptionist: Administration - Public Health & Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 4) Data Entry Clerk: Tribal Foods Distribution - Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
- 5) Equipment Operator: Transportation - Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 6) Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center - Community Education & Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 7) Library Assistant: Qualla Boundary Public Library - Department of Education (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
- 8) Administrative Assistant: Cherokee Youth Center - Department of Education (L5 \$26,642 - \$34,541)
- 9) Youth Development Professional (Multiple): Cherokee Youth Center - Department of Education (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

### Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I - Cherokee Police Department - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Detention Services - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook - Cherokee County Senior Citizens - Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer - Kituwah Preservation Education Program - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Driver (Multiple) - Transit - Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher - Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start - Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Teacher Assistant - Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
12. Telecommunicator - Public Safety - Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Tribal Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
14. Adult Language Education Coordinator - Kituwah Preservation and Education - Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
15. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
16. Workforce Development Coordinator - TERO (L8 \$36,500-\$45,625)

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

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Help Wanted

Smoky Mountain Inn. Needed Night Audit and Housekeepers. Please apply in person at 344 7 clans road Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/20**

### Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC is seeking a Construction Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager is directly responsible for supervising the field operations team for the effective and successful management of labor, productivity, quality control, and safety measures as established for the operations department. Management responsibilities generally include such types of work as ensuring efficient allocation of field labor resources, completing construction projects on time and within budget, working through operations team issues, providing operational customer support for all clients, and ensuring adherence to all field safety requirements. The operations manager will provide the general oversight and leadership to both the project management and field operation teams to ensure the successful completion of all federal construction projects.

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Myers, Director of Administration at [jessica.myers@kituwahG3.com](mailto:jessica.myers@kituwahG3.com) or 828.477.4617 for applications.

The successful candidate must have:

1. US Citizenship required; Security Clearance preferred
  2. Previous field experience in Heavy Civil Construction
  3. Thorough understanding of office management procedures
  4. Excellent organizational and time management skills
  5. Analytical abilities and aptitude in problem-solving
  6. Must be able to read construction plans.
  7. Ability to write reports and correspondence.
  8. Excellent written and verbal communication skills
  9. Proficiency in MS Office 365
  10. Proven leadership and supervisory capability is required. Minimum 10+ years in a leadership role within the construction industry. Must have 5+ years of experience in directly managing personnel.
  11. Must be able to read construction plans.
  12. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures
  13. Extensive travel will be required.
- Work Location: TBD

KG3 is proudly owned and operated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. **3/30**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 22-019

### In the Matter of the Estate of Fay Dora Owle Ludwig

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

Sherrene Ludwig Swayney  
PO Box 1196  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**3/30**

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
In the Tribal Court  
In the Matter of S.P., A Minor Child,  
File No. CVJ 21-065  
TO: Kyle Bigmeat

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication

and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, S.P., born on August 23, 2016, is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on October 12, 2021.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 23rd day of March 2022.

Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719




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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
In the Tribal Court  
In the Matter of Z.W., A Minor  
Child, File No. CVJ 21-056  
TO: The Unknown Father of Minor  
Child Z.W.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, Z.W. is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on August 24, 2021. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take

place by publication was entered on March 10, 2022.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed for disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of

the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 23rd day of March 2022.

Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
(828)359-1559  
N.C. Bar No. 16729  
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 22 E 251  
**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Virginia Sneed Dixon**

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 PUBLICA-  
TION  
Earle C. Dixon  
PO Box 1147  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
4/13

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-033  
**In the Matter of the Estate of  
CHARLES THOMAS  
TOINEETA**

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 PUBLICA-  
TION

Charlene Owle  
243 Saloli Drive  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
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**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:  
River Film**

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is requesting proposals from a qualified film maker to create a river film highlighting Cherokee's connection to the Little Tennessee River system. Please contact Mike LaVoie at (828) 359-6113 to receive a detailed copy of the RFP which closes on April 15, 2022.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF  
WATER QUALITY  
STANDARDS**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Water Quality Office will hold a Public Meeting on  
THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 2022  
1 PM – 3 PM at  
Cherokee County Tribal Community  
Club Building  
302 Airport Rd., Marble, NC 28905

The purpose of this meeting is an opportunity for the public to receive information and provide comments on the Triennial Review of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water Quality Standards, which have been revised to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's suggested modifications to the Water Quality Criteria for Specific Uses, Source Water Protection, and Cherokee County Stream Classification Use. These revisions are in compliance with the Clean Water Act Sections 303 and 518 (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341)



**Open  
Thursday  
through  
Sunday**

<b>Lost City</b>	<b>The Batman</b>	<b>Morbius</b>
Thursday, March 31 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, March 31 6p.m.	Thursday, March 31 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
Friday, April 1 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	Friday, April 1 6p.m.	Friday, April 1 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3 6p.m.	Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

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and Tribal Law.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on (<https://cherokeemountainresources.com/contact-us/>). A copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available online at (<https://cherokeemountainresources.com/>). A hard copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available for viewing at EBCI Water Quality Laboratory, 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours.

Questions about the revised Water Quality Standards should be directed to the Water Quality Section Supervisor, Michael Bolt by phone at (828) 359-6772 or email [michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov). Closure of the Meeting Record The meeting record will close as of midnight, Thursday May 12th, 2022. Written comments need not

be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

Michael Bolt  
Water Quality Section Supervisor  
EBCI 106 Water Quality Office  
PO Box 1925  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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### Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Bridge Replacement, Bridge over  
Coopers Creek on Dugans Road  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians CDOT Office is requesting  
sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified  
Firms to provide the following services: Grading, Drainage, Paving,

Guardrail and Structure for the replacement of the existing bridge over Coopers Creek on Dugans Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be April 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **3/30**

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION LAND WANTED

#### BIG COVE COMMUNITY

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeding land in the Big Cove Community for purchase. Seeking fifteen (15) to twenty (acres). Land must be buildable. Will consider three to four smaller tracks. Please contact Nathaniel Crowe if interested. (828) 359-6903. **5/18**

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Houses Wanted

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is looking for houses in sub-standard condition for possible purchase. Houses will be rehabbed to provide affordable housing stock for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Houses can be located on or off Tribal property. Only houses with no liens will be considered. Contact Michelle Stamper if you own a property that you would like to offer for sale.

(828) 359-6904. **5/18**

### Requests for Proposals


Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Pedestrian Improvements US 19

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Pavement widening and overlay, drainage improvements, curb and gutter with sidewalk on Water Dam Road in Cherokee NC The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be April 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **4/6**

# Tsalagi MINUTE

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## Cherokee Spirituality




The basis of Cherokee religion was the belief that the universe is composed of three connected worlds— the Upper World, Middle World, and Under World.

The Middle World was thought to be where all living beings and spirits resided; the Upper World was where spirits of ancestors and animals that had passed on lived; and the Under World was where bad spirits lived.

Cherokee people believed that spirits from the Under World could come into the Middle World and cause disharmony. But spirits from the Upper World could also come down to restore balance if called on or needed.

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## ADOPT A PET!

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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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## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering  
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room  
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2 Positions)  
AP Processor – PRC  
Behavioral Health Assistant Director - Analenisgi  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi PTI  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi Inpatient  
Behavioral Health RN - Kanvwotiyi  
Billing Technician II  
Case Management Support – Primary Care  
Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - Kanvwotiyi  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Pediatrics  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care (3 positions)  
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
Clinical Dietitian (2 Positions)  
Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)  
Dentist  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
Durable Medical Equipment Specialist  
EVS Technician  
FNP/PA - Primary Care  
LPN – MAT Clinic Analenisgi  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care (7 Positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Optician  
Optometric Assistant

Optometrist  
Pedodontist  
Phlebotomist PTI  
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient  
Physician – Primary Care  
PRC Manager  
PTI Patient Access Specialist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient  
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient  
Registered Nurse – Inpatient (3 positions)  
Registered Nurse – Emergency Room  
Registered Nurse – Wound Care  
Residential Technician (Female) – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)  
Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Sterile Processing Technician  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant

### Tsali Care Center

Assistant Administrator  
Cook \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Personal Care Assistant / CNA \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Personal Care Assistant / CNA PTR without benefits \*\*\*\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
License Practical Nurse \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Medication Aide \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Registered Nurse – Full Time

### Retention Bonus Eligible Positions

Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00)  
Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.





# KITUWAH HOMES

## Employment Opportunities

Kituwah Homes is seeking qualified construction professionals to assist in individual modular retail home construction.

**1) Licensed General Contractors**

**2) Licensed Plumbing**

**3) Licensed HVAC**

**4) Licensed Electricians**

**5) Roofers**

**6) Gutters**

**7) Drywall**

**8) Painters**

**9) Masonry (Footer/Foundation/  
Basements/Slabs)**

**10) General Carpentry**

**11) Siding**

**12) Decks**

**13) Excavation**

**14) Tree removal**

**15) Project Management**

**General requirements:**

- Must have appropriate liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance
- Must have ability to work with limited supervision
- Must be able to work at a fast pace on multiple jobs
- Appropriate appearance standards and good communication skills (visible to customers)
- Modular construction experience is a plus

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